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## GERMANS THROW FULL WEIGHT OF MILITARY MECHANISM AGAINST THE GREEKS AND ALLIES ALONG FRONT FROM MOUNT OLYMPUS TO KORITZA

LONDON, APR. 17 (BRITISH WIRELESS)—THE FORCE OF THE GERMAN ON-SLAUGHT IS MADE CLEAR BY THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL GREEK COMMENT ON A COMMUNIQUE WHICH SAYS: "THE GERMANS YESTERDAY THREW THE WHOLE WEIGHT OF THE MILITARY MECHANISM AGAINST THE GREEKS AND THEIR ALLIES UPON WHOM THEY ARE EXERTING EXTREME PRESSURE."

"A battle has been launched along the whole front from Mount Olympus to Koritza. German pressure is heaviest at three main points—the region of Grevena, in the south on the River Aliakmon and in the west at Koritza."

"A German column operating in the Grevena area is trying to push forward towards Karabaka in Thessaly. Another force is pushing south of the Aliakmon, while the third, advancing by Vlachio and Klissura towards Castoria, is stated to have reached the old Greek-Albanian frontier."



GENERAL WILSON

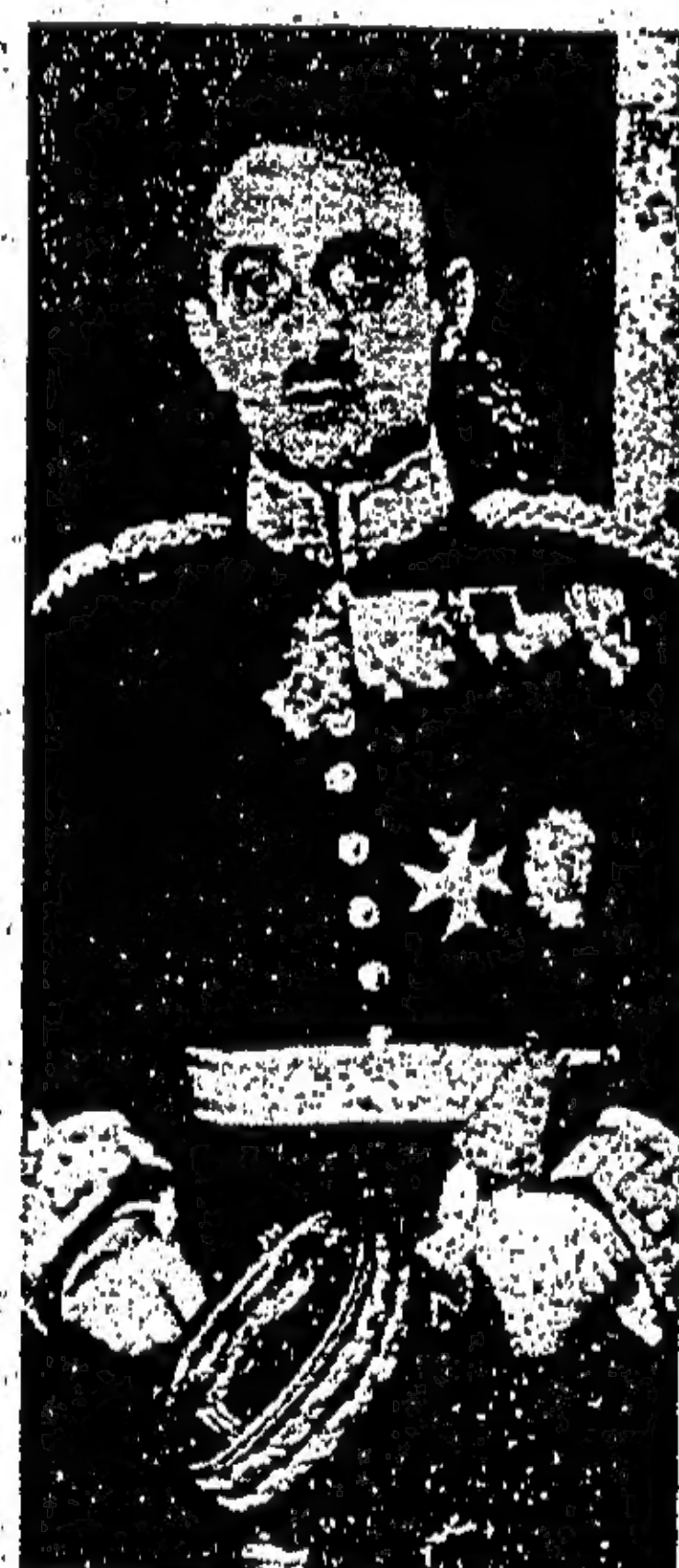
"THE GERMANS WERE STUBBORNLY OPPOSED ALL ALONG THE LINE."

COMIC NOTE

"In several of the German communiques about the Greek front during the last few days there has been a comic note of petulance," said MAJOR HASTINGS, B.B.C. military commentator, when he broadcast last night from London on the situation in the Balkans. "They have not been able to engage our forces on their own selected ground and give the impression that their panzer columns had established a kind of divine right of way."

There was clear evidence that the German plans had been disturbed and Maj. Hastings drew the conclusion that skilful delay action by our troops had already baffled the enemy's mechanised hordes.

It had to be remembered that General Papagos and General Sir Maitland Wilson had to perform a most difficult and delicate operation of the war and that was to reconstitute positions in new terrain and effect a head junction between two almost separated forces in the face of relentless and powerful enemy mechanised forces. The full force of the enemy attack had yet to be felt. Nevertheless, between the German



General Papagos, head of the Greek Army.

### BOMBARDMENT OF FORT CAPUZZO

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter)—An Admiralty communique issued today states that an extremely successful naval bombardment of FORT CAPUZZO was carried out yesterday.

A large number of salvoes were fired and all were seen to burst among a concentration of about 100 enemy tanks and motor transport vehicles.

The aerodromes at ALGAZALA and its supply dumps were again successfully bombarded from the sea.

British naval units in the Mediterranean recently shot down at least two German dive-bombers and damaged others.

No damage was sustained by British warships in these operations.

## Canada Seeking A Loan

NEW YORK, Apr. 17 (Reuter)—According to a Washington despatch to the NEW YORK TIMES, Mr. Mackenzie King, Canadian Prime Minister, is seeking a loan or some form of stabilisation agreement as Canada is expected to turn out her Dollar exchange in from four to six months.

Canada desires this aid under the Lease and Lend Bill.

## NEW ERA IN HISTORY OF INT'L SETTLEMENT

### Proposal For Provisional Council Approved

SHANGHAI, Apr. 17 (Reuter)—INAUGURATING A NEW ERA IN THE HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT, a special meeting of the ratepayers this afternoon overwhelmingly approved the resolution that representatives of the Powers concerned be requested to consent to the establishment of a Provisional Council of 16 members to carry on the administration of the International Settlement.

There was only one dissenting vote.

A large Japanese attendance loudly applauded Mr. I. Okamoto, Japanese Councillor, who in seconding the resolution, appealed to the loyalty and help of "every citizen in the Settlement" to solve the problems of the city. He added that they had not overlooked the question of evolving a better form of municipal government.

As on the last occasion, the matched where the meeting was held, was strongly guarded by the Municipal police, White Russian guards and Japanese gendarmes.

#### BROADEN BASIS

In proposing the resolution, Mr. W. J. Keswick said that if it was passed, a step would be taken to broaden the basis of national representation on the Council. The Provisional Council, during tenure of office, will have powers not only of the Council, but also of the body of foreign ratepayers and one of its tasks will be to recommend that consideration be given to

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## RAID ON LONDON WORST EVER EXPERIENCED: SHELTER WRECKED: WELL-KNOWN HOTEL IS DAMAGED

WITH DAWN YESTERDAY CAME THE REALISATION THAT WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S RAID ON LONDON WAS THE WORST EVER EXPERIENCED, says Reuter.

Among the buildings damaged was a well-known hotel. A shopping centre was also damaged. There was some destruction in commercial quarters.

THERE WERE A NUMBER OF CASUALTIES—MAINLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN—WHEN A SHELTER WAS WRECKED.

The injured were dragged from the debris by rescue squads who worked by the light of falling German flares.

### SPIRIT OF LONDON SAME AS ALWAYS

"The spirit of London is the same as it always was and always will be," said MR. BOB DOUGALL, B.B.C. observer, when he broadcast from London last night a vivid description of the heavy enemy air raids on Wednesday night.

Mr. Dougall said that yesterday morning London was licking her wounds and demolition squads were busy at work.

Speaking of the raids, Mr. Dougall said that German planes came over in swarms dropping flares followed by showers of incendiaries and high-explosive bombs. The fire watchers did a wonderful job—especially in the residential area.

Hundreds of firemen and all the civil defence services were called out.

#### FLYING LOW

Bomb crashes were heard almost continuously and the raiders were flying lower than they ever did before. Anti-aircraft fire could be heard barking and soon the rattle of machine-gun fire indicated that our night fighters were going for them.

On his way to Broadcasting House yesterday morning, Mr. Dougall said, a grimy face popped out of one of the remaining upstairs windows of a badly damaged house, and, in a cheery Cockney voice, said, "Want any firewood, chum?"

It is learned that at least two raiders were brought down—one by fighters and the other by gunfire.

In their description of the raid on London, the Germans state: "A strong bomber formation attacked harbour works and important war objectives on the Thames Estuary in waves."

The statement, by the official German News Agency continued: "Bomber crews were able to obtain excellent results in spite of weather and visibility. Great destruction was caused in the harbour area on both sides of the Thames and a number of large fires were started," concludes the official German News Agency.

#### A REPRISAL

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter)—A German High Command communique broadcast by the German wireless states that last night's raid on London was a reprisal for the British raid on Berlin and Potsdam on Apr. 8.

#### RECKLESS BRAVERY

Wednesday night's raid is productive of countless stories of heroism, reckless bravery, stolid endurance and even humour, the latter coming from a working man who complained that he forgot the keys of his home but that it did not matter because when he reached it, he had no home to open with keys.

Buildings destroyed include churches, hospitals, cinemas, shops, warehouses and countless dwelling houses, casualties in which have been very heavy.

The West End centre of London's theatreland and nightlife, were bombed, blasted and burned.

Restaurants, public houses and cafes were burned out. Their contents were caught by blast and hurled or spilled into the roads.

#### PROPRIETOR KILLED

In one street, a wrecked night club proprietor, on fire-watching duty, was killed and in other streets, early morning workers made their way to work ploughing through tiles, broken glass and water from firehoses over which they scrambled, threading between fire engines with firemen still playing hoses on many blazing buildings.

Many roads were obstructed, countless thousands having to walk to work or to take bus journeys which took even longer than walking.

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## FAMOUS ECONOMIST KILLED IN RAIDS

LORD STAMP, G.O.B., G.B.E., Economic Adviser to the British Government and an outstanding economist, and LADY STAMP were killed in the heavy raids on London on Wednesday night, states a Reuter message.

Lord (Josiah Charles) Stamp was 60 years of age and was Chairman of the Executive of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Co., a Director of the Bank of England and on the Board of other important companies.

#### GREAT GIFTS

His great gifts were appreciated widely and he received many academic honours not only in Britain but from many parts of the world.

Lady Stamp, before her marriage to Lord Stamp in 1903, was Olive, daughter of the late Mr. Alfred Marsh.

Lady Stamp was J.P. of Kent, President of the National Free Church Women's Council and Governor of University College, Aberystwyth.

## Political Limelight On Spain

MADRID, Apr. 17 (Reuter)—The political limelight may again soon centre on Spain.

The tone of the Spanish Press with certain other indications point to this possibility. Messages from Berlin make evident that Germany intends to make most apparent military successes for a renewed diplomatic offensive.

### VON PAPEN FOR BERLIN

ANKARA, Apr. 17 (Reuter)—German circles here declare that the German Ambassador, Herr von Papen, is leaving by special plane for Berlin on Thursday or Friday. It is also rumoured that Count Von Schulenberg, Ambassador in Moscow, is also going to Berlin.

## GIGANTIC POST-WAR ECONOMICS

LONDON, April 17 (Reuter)—Gigantic post-war economic arrangement, which would be felt all round the world, was advocated by Mr. T. D. Campbell, Agricultural Adviser to President Roosevelt, who is visiting Britain.

In an interview, he emphasised that the British and United States Governments had a wonderful opportunity after the war for organising a distribution of raw materials and manufactured products. He thought that both countries might appoint commissions representing every branch of industry to explore the question.

He personally was prepared to recommend that the United States should keep out of the wheat market for a while and leave Canada to supply the United States contribution to British markets.

### NEW CROAT GOVT.

BERLIN, April 17 (Reuter)—The new Croat Government was formed yesterday evening, says an official German News Agency message from Budapest.

Dr. Ante Pavelitch has been proclaimed President, Prime Minister and Foreign Minister.

General Kvaternik is Deputy President, Commander-in-Chief of the Army, Navy and Air Force and the Police.

## Today's News Summary

THE GERMANS have thrown the full weight of their military mechanism against the Greek and Allied forces along the whole front from Mount Olympus to Koritza.

LORD STAMP, the prominent economist, and Lady Stamp, were among those killed in the raids on London on Wednesday night, the heaviest yet experienced in the war. Fire watchers did yeoman work and the women rendered aid wonderfully.

WIDESPREAD raids were carried out by British bombers over Northern Germany on Wednesday night.

THE JAPANESE authorities have extended the naval blockade of the South China coast, it is announced.

THE RATEPAYERS' meeting in Shanghai marked a new era in the history of the International Settlement and the proposal for a Provisional Council of 16 members was unanimously adopted.

position of Monastir and the line now held by the Allies the harassing tactics by the R.A.F. had gained exceedingly good ground.

The line now lay from the Ionian Sea, near Corfu, over the Pindus through rugged country to the Olympus. No one would want to choose this region for tank manoeuvres, to say the least of it.

#### HEAVY FIGHTING

The Germans were in touch with the Allied forces along the whole of the 150-mile line and there was heavy fighting in several sectors. The enemy plan was probably to force a way for the tanks to more fertile land at Lerissa, an important railway junction, south of the mountain.

Further consolidation may yet take place by the Allied forces on a more defensible line than this is, to the south-east.

#### UNABLE TO PIERCE

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter)—The Greek army which bore the brunt of the fresh enemy attack in Western Macedonia has inflicted heavy losses on the Germans, according to the Athens radio.

In spite of their tremendous efforts, the Germans have been unable to pierce the new Greek and British defence lines.

#### YUGOSLAV TROOPS

NEW YORK, Apr. 17 (Reuter)—The NEW YORK TIMES publishes a report from Athens that the British are evacuating Yugoslav troops from the Dalmatian coast, to be taken to Greece.

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## Widespread Raids Over North Germany

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter)—An Air Ministry communique today states that widespread raids by the R.A.F. were made over North Germany, particularly on Bremen, as well as on Brest and Heligoland.

The weight of last night's attack by aircraft of the Bomber Command fell upon a number of North German towns.

Though haze made it difficult to observe the results of the bombing, fires were seen to be spreading over many parts of Bremen.

Wilhelmshaven, Cuxhaven and Westermund were among other objectives attacked. Aircraft of the Coastal Command bombed the docks at Brest during the night.

#### ISLAND ATTACKED

In the course of widespread operations in daylight yesterday, a formation of Blenheim aircraft attacked the island of Heligoland. From all these operations one aircraft of the Bomber Command and three of the Fighter Command are missing. One of our fighter pilots is safe.



# Y'S MEN'S TIFFIN ADDRESS:

## Seven Tricks Employed By Candidates Sitting For The Old Imperial Examinations

Candidates sitting today for a Doctor's or a Master's degree in a modern university are faced with a much easier task than that which confronted candidates in the old Imperial Examinations in China for official honours. Mr. Wong Kwok-fong told the Y's Men's Club at their weekly tiffin meeting yesterday.

Yet there were no fewer than seven distinct and well-known ways by means of which it was possible to achieve success by tricking one's way through. The candidate had a number of ways by which he could achieve success other than by being a brilliant student, and these were quite widely employed.

Examiners who would be detected aiding the student in these tricks faced capital punishment, and the same penalty was often meted out to the candidates caught cheating, while others were imprisoned for life or degraded of whatever titles they already held.

The whole examination was a very long one, Mr. Wong said, and few students went through all the stages. The first stage was the Tung Shih, equivalent to a School Junior exam, the second the Yuen Shih, equivalent to School Leaving exam, the third the Yuen Shih, held in the provincial capitals, which gave the degree of Sau Choh. This was an examination of higher whatever titles they already held.

### MASTER'S DEGREE

The fourth stage was the Heung Shih which gave the Kui Yan or Master's Degree. This was also held in the provincial capitals and success allowed the candidate participation in the final Wui Shih examination, held in the Imperial Palace in Peking, under the supervision of the Emperor himself, which gave the rank of Hon. Lam.

The examination was a very arduous one and all the stages required a good number of years. Success, however, meant honours, official posts, and a good income, and success was, therefore, sought by many.

The candidate sitting for the first stage in his home district would have to be in the examination hall at early dawn. He was given the number of his seat and had to watch out for the examiners' assistant, a man of office-boy or even-cole class, who carried around the room tablets on which the questions were set out.

### STRICTLY SEARCHED

The candidate had to remain the whole day in the examination room and had to eat there and was not permitted to leave even for reasons of toilet. Before going in, he was strictly searched by a kind of Ta Tao or police. He was allowed to bring into the examination room a little food, pen and ink, and the garments on himself. He was accompanied by a guarantor or sponsor who vouched for his identity.

If he passed the first day's examination, his name would appear on the list of successful candidates in a day or two and he would be eligible to sit a second and, if again successful, a third day, success through all three days permitting him to pass the first stage. The other examinations were as long and arduous, and in fact with every stage they became more so.

### PURE BRIBERY

The first well-known trick was the Mai Kwan Chi, which was nothing more nor less than pure bribery. Though officials held high rank, they were not unapproachable and would for a suitable present give out hints as to what questions would be set. They would also provide the candidate's "broker" with certain words, the inclusion of which in an essay would permit the examiner to spot the candidate's paper and to award him a pass. There was always a risk attached to this, especially for the examiner, as the paper could be referred to an examiner in higher authority.

The Examiner read only a copy of the candidate's essay, not the original, these copies being written out by scribes specially employed for this purpose. Such copies bore the candidate's number, but not his name.

The second trick was known as the Kap Tat, students concealing books in minute writing in the lining of their coat, in the soles of their shoes, in their ink tablets or pen holders. They even wrote on their clothes in certain chemicals, and an accompanying measure to insure the success of this was to bribe the searchers.

### EXAMINER AS MESSENGER

By means of the third trick, the Chuen Tat, candidates transferred information one to another in the classroom, sometimes employing the examiner as messenger, gumming their messages on to the back of his coat. The fourth trick, the Kok Kuen, necessitated

## MACAO ELECTRIC LIGHTS THREE LAKH PROFIT

The 30th ordinary annual general meeting of the Macao Electric Lighting Co. Ltd., will be held at the offices of Messrs. Lowe, Blingham and Matthews on April 30 when the Directors will recommend that the sum of \$41,277.92 (\$321,034.40 being net profit for 1940, and \$120,243.52 the amount brought forward from 1939) be appropriated as follows:—

To pay a dividend of \$1.50 per share on 90,000 shares, \$135,000;

To pay a bonus of 50 cents per share on 90,000 shares, \$45,000;

To pay a dividend of .75 cents per share on 43,938 shares New Issue, \$32,953.50;

To pay a bonus of .25 cents per share on 43,938 shares New Issue \$10,984.50;

To pay to the Government or Macao 5 per cent on the amount distributed as dividend and bonus in terms of Clause 15 of the Extension Contract, \$11,196.90;

To transfer to General Reserve, \$100,000; To carry forward unappropriated, \$106,143.02. Total, \$441,277.92.

## Tsui Brothers In Brilliant Form

### BY SERVER

Showing the brilliant form that won them the Open Doubles tennis title in 1938 and 1939, TSUI WAI-PUI and TSUI YAN-PUI eliminated W. C. HUNG and E. C. FINCHER by straight sets of 6-2, 6-4, the match lasting just over 30 minutes.

The Tsui brothers were particularly deadly in their overhead work, smashing and volleying with great accuracy. Wai-pui, bringing off a beautiful backhand smash. Yan-pui, on the whole, gave the better display.

Hung and Fincher played as well as could be expected but were up against a much better combination.

### EARLY LEAD

In the first set, the ex-holders were all over the losers and soon established a lead of 4-1, and won with the loss of only one game more.

When the Tsuis ran into a lead of 5-1 in the second set everything seemed to be over but a fine rally by the losers, plus some inexplicable mistakes by the elder Tsui, saw the K.C.C. pair pull up to 5-4 and after three deuces were called. Wai-pui annexed the set with a beautiful "kill."

## SPORTING FIXTURES

### TODAY

SWIMMING.—European Y.M.C.A. Swimming and Water-polo Practice (5.30 p.m.—8.30 p.m.).

TENNIS.—Colony Championships. Open Singles, Semi-final.—H.D. Rungtahn v Tsui Yan-pui (Stand Court).

### K'LOON CHESS CLUB

Owing to the "Black-out" exercise yesterday evening, there was no meeting of the Kowloon Chess Club at the Peninsula Hotel. The chess room will be opened for players today and it is suggested members taking part in the chess tournaments will avail themselves of the opportunity to catch up on adjourned and postponed games.

Archery 142, Bona Vacantia 151, Bonshaker 142, Bugle 155, Casino 145, Luxury 142, Seal River 145, Seventy Six 142, Streamlet 142, 18 Entries, 9 Drawn.

7-5 p.m.—St. Kilda Stakes.—First Section.—Winner \$1,000, Second \$500, Third \$300. For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1941. Weight 142 lb. 1 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes. Limit to penalty: 17 lb. Winners barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. Six furlongs.

Anzac Day 147, Arncliffe 142, A. Rosy Time 150, Battle 147, Beauford 142, Bendigo 145, Castle Hill 142, Dignitas 142, Gold Rod 145, Lode-star 142, National Blessings 142, New-born Star 153, Red Rabbit 142, Rocky Beach 142, Royal Sovereign 150, Saratoga 142, Show White 146, The Koola Bear 152, Trade Wind 142, 39 Entries, 19 Drawn.

8-5.30 p.m.—Koola Stakes.—Second Section.—Winner \$1,000, Second \$500, Third \$300. For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1941. Weight 142 lb. 1 lb. penalty for

## Entries For Fourth Extra Race Meeting

The following are entries for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club to be held on Saturday, April 26:—

1-2 p.m.—Taimoshan Handicap.—Winner \$800, Second \$250, Third \$150. For China Ponies, "D" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From the two mile post once round and in (About 1 mile 171 yards).

Blue Field, Boolat Bay, Celtic Star, Eve of Hunting, Eve of Paradise, Forty Six, Guinness Time King's Worthy, Lovely Star, Lovely Jew, Mauber, Rose-Queen, Scenic View, Strathbannock, Valorous, West Lake, 16 Entries.

2-2.30 p.m.—Canterbury Park Stakes.—Winner \$1,250, Second \$800, Third \$350. For Australian Ponies, Griffins of this Season. Weight 142 lb. 1 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes. Limit to penalty: 17 lb. Winners barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. Six furlongs.

Amusement Tax 146, Canberra 142, Gay Fox 142, Green Diamond 142, Hascosay 152, King's Welcome 148, Locus Standi 148, Misty View 150, National Reform 142, Odin 142, Prairie View 159, Ratio Decidendi 142, Riverside 142, Vanguard 145, 14 Entries.

3-3 p.m.—St. George's Plate.—Presented: with \$1,500 added for Winner, Second \$800, Third \$300. A Handicap for China Ponies. "B" Class. Ponies to be ridden by Jockeys who have won at least 10 Official flat races anywhere, or Jockeys approved by the Stewards. Entrance \$5. One and a quarter miles.

Avon, Charlesper, Eve of Dancing, Eve of Grandeur, Eve of Reason, Galaxy, Gay Star, Hillabore Bay, Hopeful Star, Hugher, Johnner, Resisting Time, Sam's Choice, So Nice, Wonderful Scheme, World Fair View, 16 Entries.

4-3.30 p.m.—Charters Towers Stakes.—Winner \$1,250, Second \$800, Third \$350. For Australian Ponies, Griffins of this Season. Weight 142 lb. 1 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes. Limit to penalty: 17 lb. Winners barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One mile.

A Blossom Time 142, Hornpipe 142, Iron Belle 144, Miss Chaffinch 142, Mountain View 159, Nomine Poense 152, Oak 142, Subpoena 142, Tropical Love 142, 9 Entries.

5 or 10-4 or 6.30 p.m.—Broken Hill Handicap.—First or Second Section.—Winner \$800, Second \$400, Third \$250. For Australian Ponies, "B" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One and a quarter miles.

A Happy Time, A Luxurious Time, A Surprising Time, Catterick Bridge, Colocoma, Conleber, Contact, Corsair, Devonian, Fair Chance, First Love, Fresh Air, Glomming, Happy Returns, Hole In One, Joan, Jus Gentium, Lex Fori, Manhattan, Man-O-War, Maple Leaf, Moonlight, National Courage, National Welfare, Optima Fide, Pumpnickel, Rowan, Santa Anita, Starlight, The Nineteenth Hole, Tornado Star, Triumphant Day, Venus Bay, Vixen Tor, Wayworth, 35 Entries.

6-4.30 p.m.—Koola Stakes.—First Section.—Winner \$1,000, Second \$500, Third \$300. For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1941. Weight 142 lb. 1 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes. Limit to penalty: 17 lb. Winners barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One and a quarter miles.

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## COLONY OPEN, CLUB TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

### PROGRAMME FOR NEXT WEEK

The following are next week's tennis fixtures in the Colony Open and Club Championships:—

### MONDAY, APRIL 21

CLUB HCAP MIXED DOUBLES (Semi-Final):—C.H.R. Oxide and Miss Pritchard (-4/6) v J.S. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible (-15).

CLUB HCAP SINGLES (Final):—R.E. Guest (-15.1) or G. W. Sewell (-4/6) v T.J. Theobald (-15.1).

### TUESDAY, APRIL 22

OPEN DOUBLES (Semi-Final):—Tsui Wai-Pui and Tsui Yan-pui v G.W. Sewell and D.M. MacDougall.

CLUB SINGLES (Semi-Final):—C.H.R. Oxide v F.W. Carter; R.E. Guest v M. Pagh.

CLUB HCAP DOUBLES:—L.M.S. Lloyd and A.J. Humphreys (-3/6) v R.E. Blake and H.C.D. Knight (-3/6).

### THURSDAY, APRIL 24

OPEN SINGLES (Semi-Final):—S.A. Rungtahn v Tsui Wai-pui.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 25

CLUB SINGLES (Final):—C.H.R. Oxide or F.W. Carter v R.E. Guest or M. Pagh.

every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes. Limit to penalty: 17 lb. Winners barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One and a quarter miles.

Corvette 142, Crack Shot 142, Double Dutch 142, Look See 142, Strathabyn 142, Sunspot 142, Swallow 142, Tien Tien 147, Zadderday 142, 18 Entries, 9 Drawn.

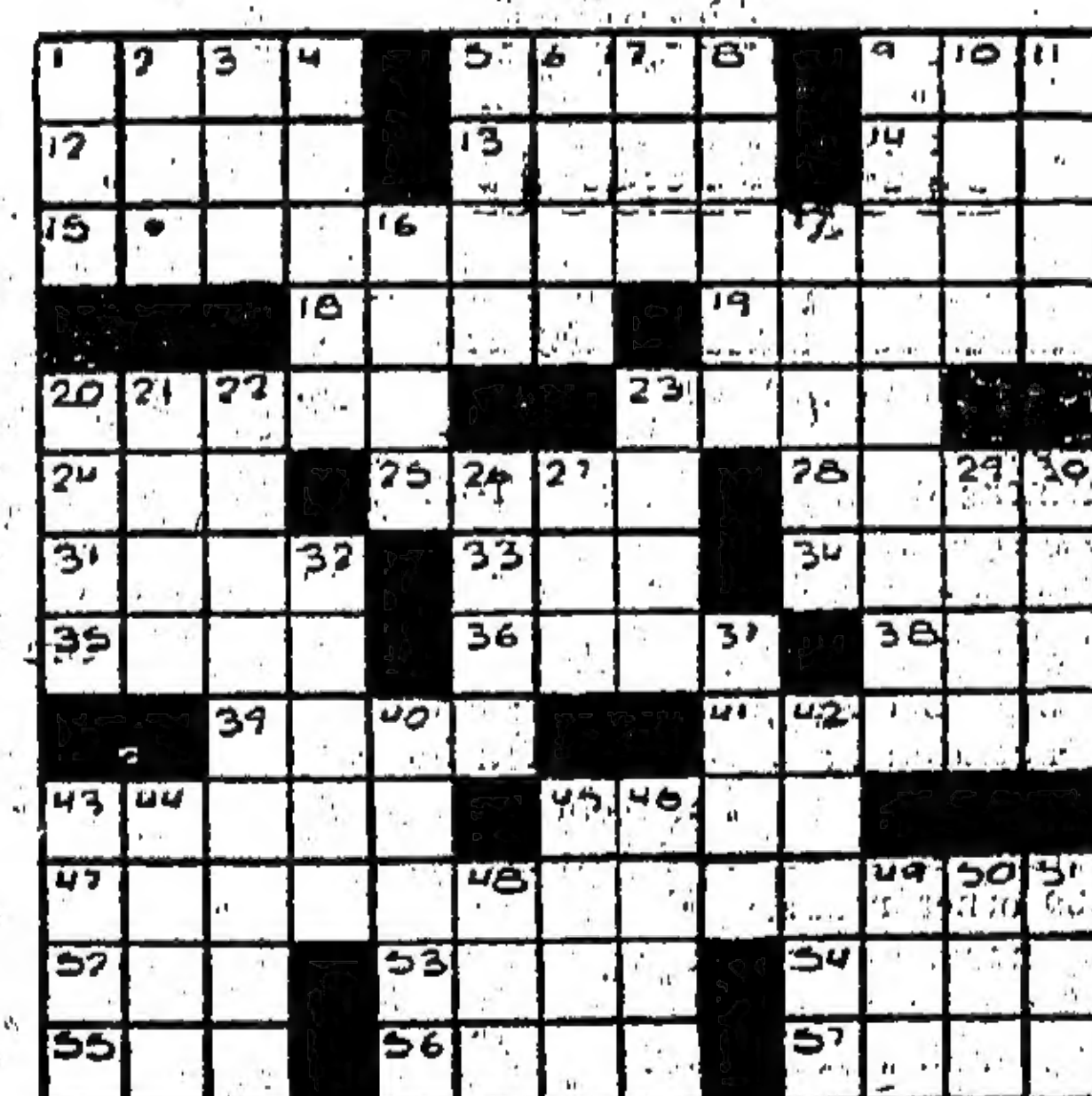
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A Fine Time 142, A Just Time 142, Angel of Glory 142, Blue Gown 142, Buckfastleigh 142, Daylight 145, Flying Fortress 142, Googly 142, Harmony Star 142, Hawaiian Love 142, High Hat 142, Macy 142, National Endurance 142, Ophir 142, Sydney Diamond 142, Tobaccoship 142, Too Hot 142, Trunking Star 142, Vitamin M. 145, Willow 142, 39 Entries, 20 Drawn.

## CROSSWORD NO. 868

### ACROSS

- Chinese money
- Exclamation
- Small, sharp explosive report
- Wide-mouthed jar
- Hundredth part of a dollar
- To regret
- Thoroughness
- Place for baking
- Game played with cards
- A cubic metre
- Cut away little by little
- Measure of weight
- A fit of fury
- Within
- Scraps
- Wheeled vehicle
- Hebrew month
- South American country
- Arab prince
- Epoch
- Genin of various seaweeds
- Having organs of bearing
- First year's revenue of bishops
- Heavenly body
- Invisible to the eye
- Uninvited
- Loyal
- Underneath of the foot



- Primary colour
- Give temporarily
- Softened oath
- DOWN
- Terminal member of the foot
- Wholly
- Highest note of Guido's scale
- Work substance of land
- Thin
- Insect
- Inscribed rock
- One who makes baseless claims
- Get rid of
- Mexican coin
- Above
- Dewy for raising water
- Halt

- Ripped
- Charmed
- Persian fairy
- Genus of the maple
- School of whales
- Allowance made in weighing
- Toward the mouth
- Sweet crystalline substance
- Gather in
- Coral island
- Ascend
- Love affair
- Number of players in baseball team
- Examine carefully
- Informed
- To behold
- A gear tooth
- Wing
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## Galento Wants To Meet Louis For World Title

So you thought you had seen and heard the last of Tony Galento the New Jersey fat man?

You probably thought when you saw Tony, with his face a battered pulp, clinging desperately to Joe Louis' knee that the fat man was all washed up as a fighter, writes Pat Robinson.

Well, we hate to disillusion you but the fact remains that Tony is back: matter than ever, and clamouring for action.

And, believe it or not, he wants action from Joe Louis.

Worse, still, he is quite likely to get it. And HOW he'll get it!

It seems that promoter Mike Jacobs believes Tony is still a drawing card, at least in his own home state, and if Tony wants to have his mugs massaged again by Louis' iron fists, why far be it from Mike to dissuade him.

Present plans call for this pleasant little slaughter to be staged in Newark and those who like to take their mayhem straight should be tickled pink for if there is one thing Joe Louis enjoys more than another it is massaging the features of the fat man who called him a bum.

Tony also would like another meeting with Lou Nova but if such

### 264 POUNDS!

We don't know what Tony weighs but the last time we saw him recently he appeared much closer to 300 than he was to 200 pounds. If memory serves, he scaled something like 234 the last time he crawled through the ropes with Louis. If he scales less than 264 for his next fight we'll be surprised.

In any event, both Louis and Jacobs have Tony stored up for future reference.

Billy Conn is slated for Joe's big out-door shot here in June and if Joe gets by that one he probably will have a September date with Lou Nova, provided Nova continues to fight as he did against Pat Comiskey.

It is amazing how everybody wants to fight Louis. You'd think to hear even some of the palukas talk that Joe is a push-over. The fact is, they all are willing to risk a terrific beating for the large losers and involved.

Of course, that doesn't apply to Billy Conn, the light heavyweight champion, who is sincerely convinced that he can lick Louis. Billy thinks he will have little trouble stepping around and making a sucker out of Joe. Whether he can do that remains to be seen but in any case enough persons are interested to see him try to insure at least a \$250,000 gate. And if Louis should not look too good against the Burns, Godoy and Simones, the Conn-Louis battle might draw far more than a quarter million.

## C.S.C.C. Practice Bowls Game

The Civil Service Cricket Club find it impossible to enter more than one team in the Bowls Division this season. Gaps in the bowlers ranks have been occasioned by the retirement of Grimmett, (ex-Colony champion) R. R. Wood, and the transfer of J. Hollidge to Singapore. Powers on leave include Deakin, Collyer and Hillier, whilst A. B. Allan had received medical advice to refrain from playing this season. Other members will not be available for reasons of military and volunteer duties.

An inter club game will be held on Saturday April 19 at 5.15 p.m. to which all members interested in bowls are invited.

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## WESTERN MACEDONIA BATTLE IN FULL PROGRESS

### German Mechanised Units Halted With Severe Losses By Greek, British Forces

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The battle in western Macedonia which began on Tuesday is now in full progress, says the Athens radio last night. The announcer adds that the Greek army has inflicted serious losses on the Germans.

After their slight push westwards on Monday, the Germans attempted to make further progress on Monday and brought very considerable forces into play, supported by German aircraft.

The announcer quoted the Greek Press and a Ministry bulletin which said, "All the ordered movements of our forces in taking up their new positions were effected without loss."

### ITALIAN CONVOY WIPE OUT

#### H.M.S. Mohawk Only British Loss

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—An entire enemy convoy, consisting of five supply ships escorted by three destroyers and bound from Sicily for Tripoli, was sunk on Tuesday night by British naval forces.

Announcing this, the British Admiralty states: "Two of the supply ships were vessels of about 3,000 tons heavily laden with motor transport. These were sunk. Another was an ammunition ship of about 4,000 tons which blew up with a terrific explosion. The other two ships of about 3,000 tons also blew up."

#### ESCORT ALSO DESTROYED

The convoy was escorted by the Italian destroyer Luca Tarigo of 1,623 tons and two smaller destroyers. All three were sunk.

The Admiralty regrets to announce that during this successful operation, H.M.S. Mohawk was hit by torpedoes and sunk. The majority of the ships' complement, including the Commanding Officer, was rescued.

#### ENEMY HARASSED

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Ships of the Royal Navy are constantly and successfully harassing enemy operations on the Libyan coast by bombardment.

This is stated in a report by the Commander-in-Chief in the Mediterranean given in an Admiralty communiqué.

Enemy positions and transport columns on the encampment road west of Sollum have been bombarded with particularly good results.

El Gazala aerodrome, to the west of Tobruk, has also been heavily bombarded from the sea and at least five aircraft were destroyed on the ground.

### DARLAN ORDER COUNTERMANDED BY PETAIN

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Marshal Petain, according to reports reaching Washington, recently thwarted Admiral Darlan when the latter attempted one of his anti-British programmes.

These reports, which are confirmed from two high sources, declare that Marshal Petain, having learned accidentally that Admiral Darlan had given orders for French Fleet units, including the battleship Dunkerque, to be moved from North Africa to Toulon, summoned Admiral Darlan to give an explanation.

Admiral Darlan is stated to have replied evasively and then to have launched into an anti-British tirade. Marshal Petain thereupon issued special written instructions forbidding the movement of any French warship without his prior knowledge.

### TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN "BADLANDS"

SHANGHAI, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—A Chinese was shot dead and another was seriously wounded early yesterday morning in a terrorist shooting in the "Badlands."

The shooting is reported to have taken place in the dormitory of the Bank of China employees' mess and is believed to be a reprisal for the shooting of an employee of the Central Reserve Bank yesterday.

MALTA, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Under Malta's compulsory service scheme, the second age group—22 to 25—will be called up on Monday.

### HEAVY RAID ON LONDON

#### NIGHT FIGHTER ACE "BAGS" THREE

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Air raid alarms sounded at an early hour in London last night and introduced what shortly afterwards appeared to be one of the biggest raids on the British metropolis for some time.

Enemy planes began to drone their way over London in waves immediately after the sirens had died away.

A.A. guns hurled shells into the air over a wide area with the heaviest jacket of the year. Over one of the outer districts, a large number of flares lit up the streets and many planes were heard flying much lower than in previous raids.

One German bomber was blown out of the sky within a few minutes of the alert when flying at about 5,000 feet.

High explosive bombs fell in one London district soon after.

R.A.F. fighters soared to attack the Luftwaffe and machine-gun fire was heard as the enemy was engaged.

NIGHT FIGHTER ACE  
One British pilot of a night fighter shot down three German bombers last night, the Air Ministry announces.

This ace was recently awarded the D.F.C. and promoted to Commander of his Squadron for marked ability in night flying, and he has now destroyed ten nocturnal raiders.

A fellow pilot shot down two bringing the Squadron's total bag to five.

It is learned that two more enemy bombers were destroyed over England last night, making a total of eight.

GEN. PESANTI CAPTURED  
WHILE ESCAPING FROM  
ADDIS ABABA ON MULE!

ADDIS ABABA, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—General Pesanti, the Italian Divisional Commander, whose capture was announced yesterday, was overtaken by the Imperial forces when he was plodding along on a mule between a remote village and Addis Ababa, writes Reuter's Special correspondent in Abyssinia.

He is now occupying the bedroom of General Santini, who has been removed to an unknown destination.

Another prisoner is Colonel Rolfe, leader of the notorious Banda (native levies) group. He, with a staff of 11 officers and 700 Banda were captured near the Awash river by two South African subalterns (one the grandson of General Botha) and 17 men.

Two enemy bodies 600 strong approaching to surrender from opposite directions opened fire on each other. Six were killed before the south Africa Regiment intervened and took them prisoners.

The British columns are now at the heels of the retreating Italians in three main sectors, namely the Mussolini Pass, 100 miles from Addis Ababa on the Dessie road; in the heart of the Arussia mountains east of the Abyssinian lakes; and on the Omo river on the way to Jimma.

Abyssinian patriots are increasingly helping to disintegrate the Duke of Aosta's forces. They are showing restraint, however, and are permitting the Italians to reach the British lines.

A Colonel of a Transvaal Regiment met an army of 10,000 patriots headed by six-foot three inches Ras Gurassa.

Ras Gurassa informed him that the South African flank was threatened by two Italian battalions. The Colonel thereupon sent a letter to the Italians threatening to attack with "my big guns and tanks and with Gurassa. The Italians melted away overnight."

PATROL ACTIVITY  
CAIRO, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The Libyan situation has been stationary for the last four days, according to well-informed circles here.

While patrol activity continues in the Sollum area on the Egyptian border there has been occasional hard fighting. Enemy losses run into hundreds, it is stated.

There is no indication that the

CANADIAN PREMIER  
FOR WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, who is expected here today, has been invited to tea at the White House by President Roosevelt.

Over the telecups, it is expected that the two statesmen will hold a highly important conference bearing upon war problems.

TOKYO, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Eight hundred and twenty houses were burned down and 5,000 people rendered homeless by a fire at a town in the Toyama district, 180 miles northwest of Tokyo.

## German Army Contained In Centre Of Serbia

### Verles Bridge Destroyed By R.A.F. In Daring Raid

ATHENS, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The German army is held in the centre of Southern Serbia as the result of successful bombing by the R.A.F. of the bridge across the Vardar River at Verles. The story of how hell-diving British bombers carried out this hazardous task shows that the exploit ranks with other epic attacks on strategic points in this war such as that on the bridge at Maastricht.

In one respect it differs from similar feats of heroism in that all British aircraft returned safely. The British pilots knew when they took off for this night raid that the bridge at Verles was a communications key in the centre of Southern Serbia and would be strongly defended.

Searchlights stabbed the sky and German anti-aircraft batteries hurled tons of explosives into the sky when the British arrived over the target but not one attacking bomber was even scratched.

One pilot ran the gauntlet four times before he was satisfied that his bombs could be released with the greatest effect. His stick of bombs struck the bridge and demolished it and the second fell adjacent to the railway line while incendiary bombs set fire to surrounding buildings.

Other British aircraft, when they arrived, found the bridge already cut and promptly bombed Nazi armoured vehicles which had been brought to a standstill.

QUEEN MARIK  
LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—

"Have faith in Yugoslavia and in my son and all will be well in the end," said Queen Marie of Yugoslavia to Reuter when interviewed yesterday in her 13th century cottage.

The Queen declared that King Peter took the decision to fight rather than surrender without consulting her, but his decision was not unexpected to her seeing that he always placed his country's interests before everything.

The Queen, who was lying on a couch wrapped in a rug, said she was sorry that illness had prevented her from being at her son's side, and sharing his hard-

ships while their country was fighting for its life.

She had been a little worried when for a week she heard no news from King Peter, but after Belgrade had been bombed she heard he was well and safe.

HUNGARIAN COMMUNIQUE  
LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The progress of the Hungarian invasion of Yugoslavia is recorded in a High Command communiqué issued from Budapest, which states: "Our troops yesterday occupied the south-west portion of trans-Danubia up to the Croat frontier."

"Mopping up of the region between the Danube and Tisza rivers, and the enumeration of war prisoners and booty is proceeding."

STATE OF WAR  
WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt proclaimed yesterday that a state of war exists between Hungary and Yugoslavia, and added that Hungary attacked Yugoslavia "without justification."

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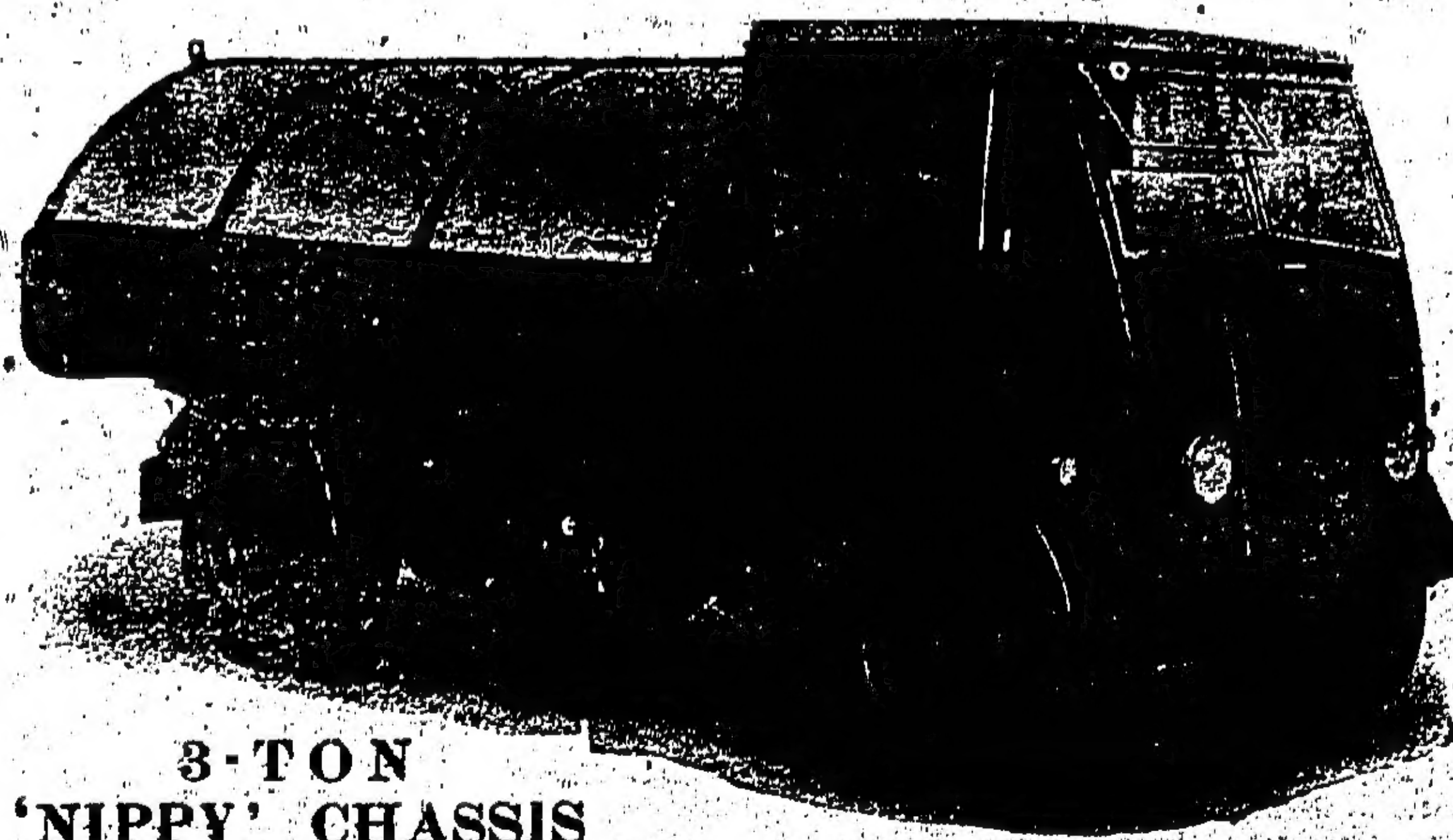


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## ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

## AT CENTRAL

## THEFT OF BANK DRAFT

Wong Sang, 35, unemployed, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday with stealing a bank draft for \$500, issued by the Chun Hing Bank, No. 2B, Pottinger Street, from Ho Lin, 24, widow, at No. 24, Second Street, second floor, on Apr. 9.

He also faced a charge of obtaining money by false pretences, which alleged that he drew \$400 from the bank on the same day by purporting that the draft was his property and another charge of attempting to obtain the balance of the \$500.

Defendant pleaded not guilty to all the charges and stated that complainant was his sister-in-law.

The hearing was fixed for 2.30 p.m. on May 6.

Det.-Sgt. W. Summers is in charge of the case.

## RUSSIAN VAGRANT

A Harbin-born Russian youth, George Talavikoff, alias "George Golden, 21, appeared before Mr. Lowry yesterday on charges of breach of the entry ordinance and vagrancy.

It was stated that defendant landed in the Colony without a passport.

He pleaded guilty to both charges, adding that he was on his way to Manila.

Defendant admitted two previous convictions.

An order for his expulsion was made and until arrangements for his departure were available, he would be detained in the House of Detention.

Sgt. Youe prosecuted.

## STUDENT BOUND OVER

Convicted of a charge of stealing a pair of roller skates, valued at \$10, from the Eastern Amusement Park, Yip Yiu-wah, 17, of No. 1, Ti Hong Lane, third floor, who claimed he was a student of Ellis Kadoorie School, was bound over by Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday in the sum of \$200 for 12 months on a bond signed by his mother.

## DESERTED FROM POLICE FORCE

Police constable C607, Wong Yun, 23, appeared before Mr. Sheldon yesterday on a desertion charge.

It was stated that Wong deserted from the Force on Apr. 26 last year, then being duly engaged to serve for a period of five years on July 8, 1937.

Insp. F. T. J. Portallion said that defendant was on duty in the cells of No. 2 Police Station on the night of Apr. 25 last, but failed to report on the next morning. He had never been seen since until he was apprehended in Yaumatei district on Wednesday.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty, said that he received three letters from his soldier-friend in China asking him to join him, to which he consented and went.

He was remanded for 24 hours for consideration of sentence.

## UNEMPLOYED GAOLED

Fung Tsan, 25, unemployed, of No. 21, Bowring Street, ground floor, was sentenced by Mr. Sheldon yesterday to six weeks' hard labour for stealing an electric motor, the property of Fung Ming-sang, 37, master of Hop Hing Shop, No. 50, Tang Lung Street, ground floor, and uttering a forged receipt note for \$50 in the name of the shop.

Defendant pleaded guilty and said that he stole it because he had no money to purchase food while complainant was away in Macao.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison prosecuted.

## TEA HOUSE FIGHT SEQUEL

A free-for-all in Koon Hoi tea house at No. 206, Queen's Road East last Friday night had a sequel before Mr. Sheldon yesterday, when five persons, Cho Yee-ming, 25, Sze Yan-ho, 27, both clerks, Siu Ha-ha, 29, Chan Kwan-ye, 28, both actors, and Chan Yat-on, 32, musician, were charged with disorderly conduct.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison said that it was alleged that first and second defendants went to the tea house with others without paying admission. A quarrel arose out of this matter and a fight ensued which caused \$110 damage to the shop.

After hearing the case, Mr. Sheldon discharged the last three defendants and ordered first and second defendants to be remanded until today.

## \$20 COMPENSATION

Kwok Yee, 54, master of cargo junk No. 3176Y, convicted on Wednesday of a charge of indecent assault on a 17-year-old

woman, Chan Choi, on board his junk while lying off Connaught Road West on Apr. 14, was ordered by Mr. Sheldon in Chambers yesterday to pay \$20 compensation to complainant, in default, serve a month's hard labour.

Det.-Sgt. R. Macvey was in charge of the case.

## WATCHMAN CHARGED

The case in which Chan Nam, 24, unemployed butcher, Cheng Ming, 24, market watchman, Leung Hung, 24, and Lo Chik, 28, both unemployed, were charged with stealing \$879.93, the property of Luk Sun, from Stall No. 88 in Western Market between Apr. 12 and 13 was heard before Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

First and second defendants admitted the charge, while the two others pleaded not guilty.

Det.-Sgt. R. Macvey said that apparently the money box was opened by a duplicate key.

First defendant, in evidence, said that he went with fourth defendant to steal and after they succeeded, they gave second and third defendants each \$190 as "tea money."

Second defendant testified that he did not take part in the theft.

The case was adjourned to today.

## AT KOWLOON

## MURDER CHARGE

Alleged to have murdered Chiu Mo-tan at Kowloon on April 9, Chiu Siu-king, 19, was remanded for one week by Mr. D.J.N. Anderson yesterday.

Chief Det.-Insp. Carey was in charge of the case.

## UNREGISTERED WARD

Convicted of bringing an unregistered ward into the Colony and of ill-treating her, Kwan Hung, 22, married woman, was fined \$85 by Mr. Anderson yesterday.

Inspector H. W. Fraser, of the S. C. A., said that on April 14, the girl went to the Mongkok Police Station and complained that she had been assaulted by defendant.

The girl had been presented to defendant two years ago.

## CANING FOR SNATCHER

Sentence of nine months' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane was imposed by Mr. Anderson yesterday on Cheung Sing for snatching an earring from Mun Yuk, married woman.

Accused pleaded not guilty to the charge but was convicted. He had four previous convictions.

## EXPORT OF SCRAP IRON

Bail of \$500 was granted to Lo Chung, 51, master of cargo junk No. 2721V, who was charged before Mr. Anderson yesterday with attempting to export eight tons of scrap iron from the Colony without a licence from the Controller of Trade.

Accused was remanded for 48 hours.

## STOLE MANHOLE COVER

Charged with stealing a manhole cover, property of the Government, from a lane at No. 850, Canton Road, Tsui Kam, 24, was remanded 48 hours by Mr. Anderson yesterday.

## BURGLAR REMANDED

Lieut. Tollingwood, of No. 100, Waterloo Road, appeared before Mr. Anderson yesterday as complainant in a case in which Chan Kau, 30, was charged with stealing a quantity of clothing.

Defendant was remanded for 24 hours.

## COOLIE FINED

For stealing a clock from the Royal Naval Dockyard, property of Mr. Barden, a coolie, Li Fan, 41, was fined \$20 or a month's hard labour by Mr. Anderson yesterday.

Sgt. Long said that defendant was employed in the Dockyard and on April 15 a clock was found bound round his waist.

## BAIL ESTREATED

Chan Hi, 32, who was charged with acting as a watcher for street gamblers, had his bail of \$10 estreated when he failed to appear before Mr. Anderson yesterday.

It was stated that defendant gave warning to street gamblers at Quill's Street when he saw the approach of the raiding party.

INDIAN WARDEN CONVICTED

Ghulam Mahomed, 43, Indian assistant warden of the Stanley Prison, appearing on \$250 bail, was sentenced to a month's hard labour by Major A. N. Macfadyen yesterday for breach of Prison Regulations by conveying a letter for a prisoner to his relatives.

## JUNK ALLEGED TO HAVE AIDED JAPANESE IN ACT OF PIRACY

A Hongkong-registered junk, which was alleged to have aided the Japanese in a piratical act on the high seas, was the subject of an action before Mr. Justice Williams at the Summary Court yesterday.

Plaintiff was MAK SHIU, junk master, of No. 15 Ko Shing St. first floor, and the defendant LAM CHEUNG-WING, junk master, of No. 386 Castle Peak Road.

Plaintiff claimed the return of the junk, No. T3945H, and its appurtenances or its value, \$1,000, and costs of the action.

Mr. C. d'Almada appeared for the plaintiff while Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios represented defendant.

Mr. d'Almada said that on an agreement between himself and Mr. Remedios no defence was filed.

The junk now lies at Cheung-shawan in the hands of the Police pending the result of this case and plaintiff claimed that he was the owner of the craft.

## THE DEFENCE

The defence, Mr. d'Almada said, was that although plaintiff might have been at one time the owner of the junk, nevertheless, through a certain action on his part, which amounted to piracy on the high seas, coupled with the alleged fact that the Japanese in the Swatow district captured defendant's own junk with the aid, apparently, of plaintiff and his crew, gave to the defendant this particular junk which was the subject matter of this action.

The position, he went on, was that defendant claimed the junk as his because it was given by the Japanese in return for theirs, and that the exchange was apparently done with the consent of the plaintiff.

Mak Shiu stated, in evidence, that he was the registered owner of the junk for 20 years. The junk was used as a cargo boat plying between Cheongchow (Chinese territory) and Swatow and later between Swatow and Hongkong.

The junk left Hongkong on Jan. 8 with a miscellaneous cargo. Witness did not go and the junk was under the charge of a relative, Mak Kar-shun. It arrived back on Jan. 15 and on Feb. 9, as the result of something he heard, he made a report to the Police.

Hearing was adjourned to May 22, at 10 a.m.

## CRIMINAL SESSIONS CALENDAR

Two charges of murder are included in the list of cases to be tried at the April Criminal Sessions which commences on Monday at the Supreme Court. The taking of pleas will be taken by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, this afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

MURDER—Bawa Singh: Kwok Keng.

HOUSEBREAKING & LARCENY—Cheung Sai-lo, Lau Hing and Kwok Cheung (on two counts each).

ROBBERY BY TWO OR MORE—Lam Hung-po, Yan Chan and Chak Cheuk-kwan; Fung Shui Lau Kwai-piu and Yu Hong; Ling Wai and Cheng Kam (assault by two or more with intent to rob).

INDECENT ASSAULT—Chang Man.

EMBEZZLEMENT—Wong Kui-fai, alias Wong Kung But (or Pat) (two counts); also two counts of falsification of accounts.

DEMANDING MONEY WITH MENACES—Lau Yun and Wong Chai, alias Wong Kai-ming; Leung Shing-man and Kwong Choi, alias La Cha Mau (also acceptance of a bribe by a public servant).

POSSESSION OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION—Chan Chak.

BREACH OF DEPORTATION ORDER—Liu Choi (for sentence), Li Hoi.

## BABY ABANDONED

Found at the rear of a house in Nathan Road, a Chinese baby, aged two weeks, apparently abandoned was sent to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday afternoon suffering from carbolic poisoning.

## D. O. SOUTH

## TO BE EXPELLED

Pun Shing and Tsui Hon were ordered to be expelled from the Colony when they pleaded guilty before Mr. S. F. Balfour yesterday to the charge of larceny by bailie of two bicycles from the Tung Kwong bicycle shop, Hoi Pa Village, Tsun Wan, on April 15.

## BAIL ESTREATED

Chan Kai, a widow, had her bail of \$50 estreated when she failed to appear before Mr. Balfour yesterday to answer the charge of keeping a brothel at No. 41, Tai San St., Cheung Chau, on April 16.

Another widow, Li Yee-ko, likewise had her bail of \$50 estreated when she also failed to appear to answer a similar charge of keeping a brothel at an unnumbered house in Tai San Back Street on April 16.

## ICE-CREAM SELLER FINED

Pleading guilty to selling, or exposing for sale, ice-cream, without a permit from the Chairman of the Urban Council or Health Officer, at an unnumbered house in Tai San Back Street, Cheung Chau, on April 16, Leung Pak was yesterday fined \$5 or three days' hard labour by Mr. Balfour.

## HEAVY FINES

Five Chinese were fined \$250, or three months' hard labour each, by Mr. Balfour yesterday when they pleaded guilty to separate charges of possessing wild tree-wood on Apr. 18.

Chu Tai was found with 170 cabbages, valued at \$3.40, at Tung Wan, Cheung Chau, while Ma Fung, Tsui Ti-tang, Li Yan, and Kot Shui-leung had 780 cabbages, valued at \$15.60, when arrested at Tai Long Village, Lantau Island.

ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERY—Lam Kwai was formally remanded for five days when he appeared before Mr. Balfour yesterday on the charge of armed robbery, by two or more, at an unnumbered hut at Ha Kwai Chung Village, Tsun Wan.

Prosecuting, Sgt. McPherson stated that defendant, with others not in custody and who were armed with a rifle and a revolver robbed Chung Lin of one black pongee silk jacket.



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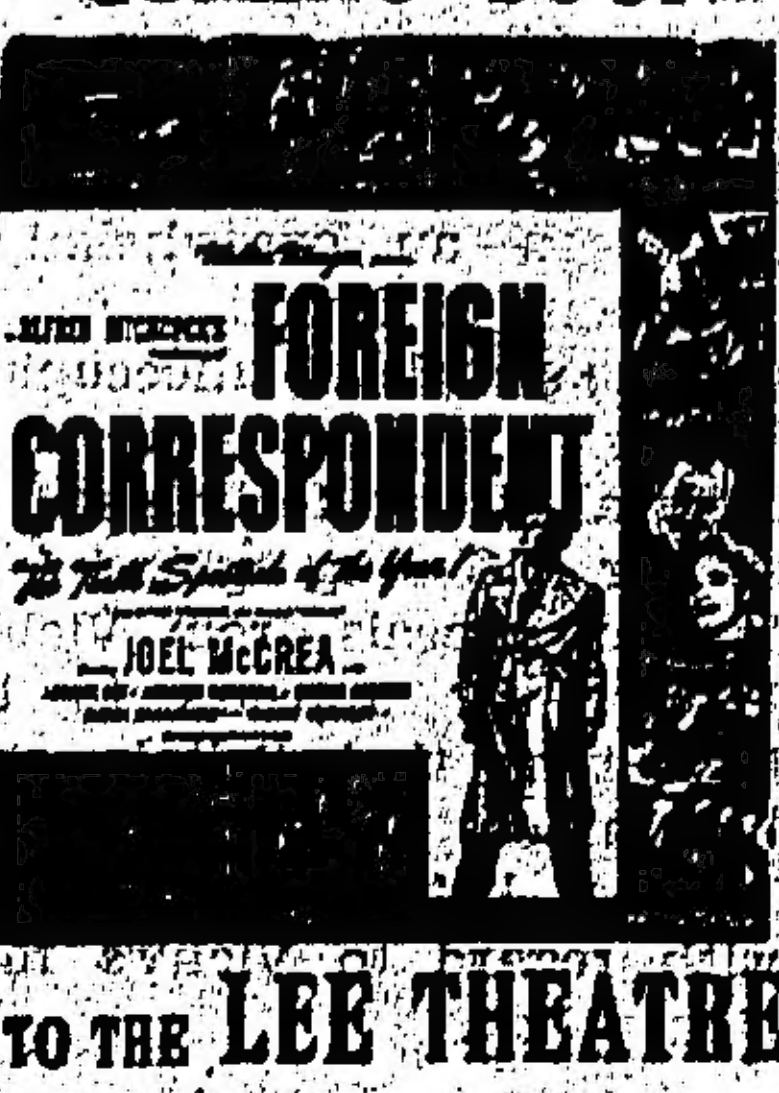
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Notice is hereby given that the ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIRST ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the office of the Company, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Thursday, the 24th April, 1941, at noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and re-electing Directors and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th April to 24th April 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

H. DA LUZ,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th April, 1941.

## MAN, GIRL STAB EACH OTHER IN "HONOUR DUEL"

An attempt to abuse a girl precipitated a knife duel in Bamban, Tarlac, in the Philippines, recently, in which both combatants were killed, says a constabulary report to the Manila headquarters.

The girl, Maria Navarro, was fatally stabbed when she resisted. Using a knife to defend herself, Maria inflicted fatal wounds on her assailant, Domingo Montoza, the report stated.

Constabulary investigators asserted that Montoza broke into the home of Maria with the intention of abusing her.

## H.K. ANTI-T.B. ASSCN. MTG.

The Council of the Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association will meet today at 5.15 p.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber by kind permission of the Honorable the Colonial Secretary. The Honorable Mr. M. K. Lo will be in the Chair.

## FATAL FALLS

Wong Chi, 58, a cargo coolie, died at Kowloon Hospital yesterday evening from injuries sustained in a fall of 50 feet into the hold of the ss. Azuma Maru. The accident occurred in the morning. A fatal accident of an identical nature occurred on board a Norwegian vessel at Kowloon Wharves. A cargo coolie was killed in a fall of some 37 feet into the hold of the ship.

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## VICHY POLICY

THE EVENTS which have led up to the German entry into Libya have brought to the forefront again a demand for a definite clarification of the present policy of the Vichy Government in its relations towards Britain and her allies. The utterances which have frequently been made by members of this (Vichy) Government have been at such variance of late that it has been impossible to obtain a clear idea of the direction in which its attitude is turning. On the one hand, there has been a repetition of the protestations by the aged Marshal, who is supposed to control the policy of his administration, that in no circumstances will he permit French action against their former ally, Great Britain. On the other, statements particularly inimical to these affirmations have been made by other members of Marshal Petain's Government, a position which made a commentator recently aptly describe the Vichy attitude as not being guided by the venerable figure-head on the prow of the ship, but by the men who steer it from inside.

THIS VIEW appears to have been partly confirmed by the report of a brush which Marshal Petain is stated to have had with Admiral Darlan, who has shown himself as being of the same ilk as M. Laval, over an attempt to shift the French Fleet from North Africa to Toulon. The manner in which the old Marshal is reported to have checked this bears out his own personal feelings in the matter, but when one reflects on the rather mysterious way in which the Germans have been able to get their mechanised units across the Mediterranean for their incursion into Libya, it is reasonable to assume that there must have been connivance by the French authorities to make this possible. Acts like this speak much louder than all the oft expressed sentiments of Marshal Petain. It is incredible that the Marshal could have remained in entire ignorance of this plan to make use of French territorial waters for the transport of German troops and armoured vehicles to Africa.

THIS IS the most likely explanation of how these transports escaped the vigilance of the British Mediterranean Fleet and provides the clearest evidence on which British policy towards Vichy should be based for the future. The result will undoubtedly be a hardening of the British attitude towards unoccupied France, despite the fact that the people of Britain are keenly conscious of the terrible hardships in the matter of food supplies and essential commodities under which the ordinary folk of what is known as Free France are struggling. With the evil machinations which are being conducted inside the Vichy Government by the Nazi puppets, it will become impossible for the British Government now to place any

## EXPLOITS OF CHINESE AIR FORCE IN PICTURES

### Treat For Art Lovers At St. John's Cathedral Hall

THE FINEST EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS BY ONE SINGLE ARTIST SINCE THE VISIT HERE A FEW MONTHS AGO OF the late Dr. Chang Sham-tse will be on view today to the public at St. John's Cathedral Hall.

The artist is Mr. Liang Yu-ming, a modest gentleman of some 45 years, who is connected with the Aeronautics Department and the Ministry of Education, Chungking. Mr. Liang is the younger brother of another veteran Chinese artist, Liang Ting-ming, and first wielded the brush himself at a very early age.

The exhibition enjoys the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G., and will be opened at 11 a.m. today by the Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hongkong.

On view will be some 150 sketches and oil paintings, including a series depicting scenes from Chinese history inspired by Wen Tien-hsiang's poem "The Song of the Proper Spirit" and Yo Fei's Elegy "The Blood-Stained River."

VARIETY OF SUBJECT Mr. Liang is adept at a variety of subject and some of his best work concerns scenes of the armed forces of China resisting the invader, and a series of oil paintings, much prized by the artist himself and therefore not on sale, covering the exploits of China's air force.

A touch of realism is evident in every picture, and the artist has proved himself particularly adept at capturing a fleeting expression, his faces contain more character than one is wont to find in what is generally exhibited by and for artists with reputations as portrait-painters.

The aviators, soldiers and uniformed young women who make their appearance on Mr. Liang's canvas seem to breathe something new and they resemble, one will agree at once, real people possessed of all the problems and pleasures evident on their faces.

CONCEPTION FALSE Again, Mr. Liang's heroes and mailed warriors of Chinese history possess more of a real quality than they would as first coming off a Chinese stage. The conception that the people of ancient China painted their faces a variety of colours, as they do on the stage to depict a variety of moods and purposes, is a false one, and it is pleasant to see men with features of a more natural hue and features that suggest a good proportion of Mongol blood.

The entire net proceeds from the exhibition will be given to the British War Organisation Fund, the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China, and the Chinese Artists' Aeroplane Fund.

FAST PAINTER Mr. Liang is exceptionally fast with his brush and colours and

## PETTY THIEVES' LATEST

That the attention of petty thieves has now turned from name-plates, pipings and letter-boxes to manhole covers and 30 have been stolen in the past two or three weeks in all districts in Kowloon.

As a result of the strict Police watch, two men were arrested by detectives from Yau-mat Police Station yesterday, and some of the missing covers were recovered.

value on statements emanating ostensibly from the free administration at Vichy and the full responsibility for future British action to prevent incidents of this kind will fall on the Vichy Government. It is, indeed, even possible that, if the fact that the Germans were aided by the Vichy Government in their Libyan venture is proved, the effect on the United States, where there has been an overwhelming sentiment in favour of helping the people of unoccupied France, might bring about a reversal of this feeling and a similar stiffening against any further appeals from Vichy. It certainly appears to be high time that Britain and her allies demanded from Marshal Petain a statement with regard to Vichy's foreign policy.

## FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The following forthcoming marriages were announced at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday:—  
Mr. Manuel Pang Her, andez, unemployed, of No. 169 Sai Yeung Choi Street, and Miss Alice Lau, of the same address;  
Mr. Ko Tsok Yum, health inspector, of No. 35 Hillwood Road, third floor, and Miss Lee Tun-ying, teacher, of No. 3 Fuk Wah Street, ground floor;  
Mr. Lee Kai-sing, clerk, of No. 89 Gloucester Road, third floor, and Miss Chan Mu-ling, of No. 11 Malory Street, third floor.



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can execute a picture in a few minutes. He will be present throughout the exhibition and will undertake, for a donation to the three funds in aid of which the exhibition is being held, to execute a sketch for any visitor on some specified subject.

The sketches on view will all be on sale. The oil paintings will not be.

The artist, Mr. Liang, is a native of Kwangtung. He received his early training under his elder brother, and was an early success, being appointed in 1926, at the age of 21, to the post of Chief of the Propaganda Department of the Generalissimo's Northern Expeditionary Force. Concurrently, he became editor of the "Revolutionary Pictorial."

MURAL PAINTING He held many official posts in succeeding years, and assisted his brother, from 1930 to 1936, in designing and planning the world-famous mural painting in the Sun Yat Sen Mausoleum in Nanking—the largest mural painting in the East. He helped design also the tombs and monuments in honour of the Chinese heroes who fell in the revolution.

In 1935, Liang Yu-ming was appointed by the National Government to the Directorship of the International News Photo Service. When I.N.P.S. was incorporated in the Central News Agency, Liang was appointed Director of the Art Office of the Aeronautics Department, which position he still holds. He has exhibited four times in Chungking, and a fair representation of his work was included in the Exhibition of Chinese Art in Moscow last year.

## NEWSETTES

The Sixth Annual Athletic Sports of the Wah Yan College, Kowloon, will be held at the Kowloon Football Club Ground on Thursday next, April 24, at 1 p.m. The Rev. Father E. Bourke, S. J., will distribute the prizes.

The Canton University English Club will hold a tea party at the Cafe Windsor on Sunday, April 20, at 4 p.m. in honour of Mr. K. C. Leung, Head of the Research Department of the English Club, who won the first prize in English during the competitive examination of all universities in China.

An interesting lecture on "Absolute music and programme music" was given by Mr. Ho Shiu-gar at the Chinese Y. M. C. A., Waterloo Road, last evening.

Mr. Chiu Yuan-yung, Chinese leader in Batavia, who arrived in Chungking recently, visited the Central Political Institute yesterday. Impressed by the studious spirit of the students, he donated \$5,000 for books for the library—(Central).

The marriage took place on April 10, at H.B.M. Consulate, Shanghai, of Suzanne de Laberis of Shanghai, to Mr. Wilfrid Arthur Pearson of Shanghai and of Driffield, East Yorkshire, England.

The death occurred on April 9, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, of Alfred Huxley. The funeral (cremation) service was held in the Bubbling Well Cemetery Chapel, on April 12.

The Hongkong Alumni Association of the California and the Stanford Universities will give a joint luncheon in honour of Mr. B. S. Fong at the Windsor Cafe at 12.30 p.m. Sunday, April 20, when it is hoped that every Californian and Stanfordite will turn up.

One man was injured and admitted to Queen Mary Hospital yesterday evening as the result of a small fire at No. 146, Des Voeux Road, West.

## GOVERNOR OFFICIATES



His Excellency the Governor and Chancellor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, preceded by the Master of the Ceremonies, Mr. S. V. Boxer and Mr. D. J. Sloss (Vice-Chancellor) prior to the foundation stone-laying ceremony at the new Science Building of the Hongkong University on Wednesday afternoon. (Sun Ying Ming Studio).

## NORTH AFRICA & BALKAN SITUATION DISCUSSED BY MILITARY EXPERT

"We must understand that there can be no victory until we have completely beaten a much more deadly foe," said CAPT. CYRIL FALLS, military correspondent of THE TIMES, when he broadcast from London yesterday on how the German advance in the Balkans and North Africa should be interpreted.

"I cannot help thinking," began Capt. Falls, "how all of us felt, when we were winning our victories in North Africa, of the weakness of the enemy whom we overcame so quickly."

SOMETHING DIFFERENT "In the first place, as an officer of one of our armoured corps said, the Italians were not properly equipped for the task of invading Egypt. Their tanks were not effective or numerous and I doubt whether the Italians had learned the German doctrine of using armoured corps."

"The German Panzer divisions are something more than a number of tanks. It is a machine trained for a special purpose and so far it has been able to adapt itself to very different kinds of country. We shall beat it yet I hope, but we must never underestimate it."

"In the second place, the Italians never displayed the same spirit as the Germans. They were never good soldiers and their hearts were never in this war. I don't care what the German second lines are in this war, but there is no doubt that the picked men in the motorised and mechanised divisions are of very high quality. Here, therefore, is my reading of the present situation from the meagre reports that have come from North Africa—

NO MAJOR BATTLE LOST "We have had some of our rear-guards over-run, but we have lost no major battle because we have not yet fought one. General Wavell probably prefers to let the enemy go on before giving battle. That may be a favourable policy, but it has its unfavourable side. Apart from the question of prestige, however, General Wavell would never have abandoned Cyrenaica to the enemy unless he had come to the conclusion that dogged resistance would be too risky."

"I am inclined to expect, therefore, that there will be a counter-stroke in the near future, though we need not be surprised if there are some more withdrawals first. But we must be prepared also to expect that it will be a more difficult affair than the Battle of Sidi Barrani."

"I don't understand how the enemy has been able to keep up the momentum of this advance. He is, of course, taking big risks—far bigger risks in fact than in the Balkans—and in North Africa, where his communications have to cross the Mediterranean, his attempts to push ahead at this rate may be disastrous."

"General Wavell, however, is a cool and skilled commander and he may yet have a surprise for the enemy, but it is idle to deny that the position here is a serious one."

## IN THE BALKANS

"In the Balkans," continued Capt. Falls, "the enemy has relied on his former methods to win victory. Everything was done with tank columns, which poured in from Strumitza, broke through the Vardar Valley and swept on into the Gulf of Salonika. This method captured not only Salonika, but cut off the Greek army from the Empire forces. Another thing he did was to capture the town of Skopje and this virtually separated the Yugoslav fighting in Macedonia from the Greeks further north."

"The real weight of the offensive came from the Bulgarian frontier. Up in the north, the German advance was comparatively leisurely. It was soon obvious that Yugoslavia could not hope to resist the German army, to say nothing of the Italians and the large Hungarian forces in the flat country north of the river."

"I hope that the Yugoslav command recognised this fact and did not sacrifice large numbers of troops in trying to hold up the advance in this part of the country."

## OLD PRINCIPLE

"There is an old principle of mountain warfare, that you must clear the ground round mountain roads especially when they are in

the nature of mountain passes, before you commit your force to these roads. Must we re-write this principle?

"The Germans used these roads to bullock their way through. If any troops were posted on the high ground in the mountains, it would be a sheer impossibility for tanks to bullock their way through."

"The most serious handicap of the Yugoslav army is its inability to obtain supplies of war materials to any large extent," continued Capt. Falls. "This, of course, cripples their power of resistance, but they have still been giving the enemy much trouble."

"If the German armoured columns get stuck, they will have to bring up infantry to dislodge the Yugoslav army. The fine Yugoslav army has a very hard time in front of it, but you may remember that there are in its ranks some of the toughest and finest mountain warriors in Europe."

## SITUATION IN GREECE

"Now let us look at the situation in Greece," continued Capt. Falls. "The Greek army and the forces of the Empire took up a defensive line. It ran across to link up with the Greeks in the neighbourhood of Lake Ocnrida. Left of this line was untenable with the German and Italian columns working round it."

"In the early fighting the enemy was successfully held, but it looks as if the Germans have now started an attack on a bigger scale and that this will be carried out. The strain on the defences will be terribly hard, though it has made all preparations to meet it."

"It seems to me that the battle which is about to break will be the most vital in the war. In both cases the weight of armed forces is on the German side. I am confident that our troops will give a good account of themselves in both theatres of war. I have no doubt that they and we too will have a hard time in front of us and that we should be wise to cut the excessive optimism that began to appear just because we were chivvying the Italians about."

"We must understand that there can be no victory until we have completely beaten a much more deadly foe," concluded Capt. Falls.

## HUMOUR IN WAR

London. There is a story of a young Midshipman from a destroyer which was helping in evacuation of Dunkirk. He sat in a small boat for eight hours with a megaphone, bombs and machine-gun bullets lashing the water all round him. And for the whole of this time he repeated patiently to the soldiers who were crowding to the boats: "Single file, gentlemen, please."

The answer of a man when an air-raid warden told him to take shelter: "I've got to pay for the war. Can't I even look at it?"

A doctor in St. Albans was astonished on visiting one of his regular patients, an elderly and very sick old lady, to find her miraculously recovered. "Well, you know," she said, "it's wonderful how exhilarating it is, even at seventy-four, to be fighting the Devil!"

A bomb fell in an East End cemetery and dislodged a skeleton who was caught by a policeman walking away with his tombstone under his arm. "Hey, what's that for?" said the policeman. "Identity-card, mate," said the skeleton.

Sweet young thing discussing the horrors of war. "It must be awful to have to stick a bayonet into a man you have never even met."

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, indicated yesterday that the United States Government had no intention of asking Elze to grant naval bases to Britain.

He said that contrary to the various rumours, there had been no discussion, much less negotiation, on the question of five officials here.



## WHAT ARE STEPS TAKEN TO CHECK PRACTICE OF RETAILERS OF MIXING 2 QUALITIES OF RICE?

BY OUR STAFF REPORTER

"I can't see how we can stop the dealers from mixing the qualities," said the ACTING RICE CONTROLLER when asked by a Hongkong Daily Press reporter yesterday what steps are being taken to check the practice of the retailers of mixing two qualities of rice and selling the mixture at the higher quality price.

"The thing is that a dealer is able to mix his rice anywhere—in the shop, up the cockpit and even in his own bedroom. He can, and most probably does, MIX THE QUALITIES AFTER CLOSING HOURS.

### FREIGHT RATES SHOW PROFIT FOR IMPORTER

In connexion with the wholesale and retail prices fixed by Government for rice which contains 25 per cent broken grain, according to a sample shown to our reporter, the following figures, supplied to the HONGKONG DAILY PRESS reporter by a gentleman closely connected with the rice market and who is in a position to know the freight rate, should prove not only interesting but also, highly illuminating:

Saloon Rice (as quoted daily in the Saigon Market Radio Report):—	
P. 6.75 per picul at exchange 1.05	H.K.\$8.43
Insurance: 1 per cent. for risk and quarter of one per cent. for marine	08
Freight from Haiphong to Hongkong at \$35 per ton	2.10
Handling charges at Haiphong and lighterage per bag	04
Unloading charges here	02
Landed cost:—	H.K.\$8.67
Wholesale selling price:	H.K.\$14.32
Landed cost:	8.07
Profit for importer:	H.K.\$ 5.65

Our informant asked: "DO YOU NOT THINK THAT A PROFIT OF \$5.65 PER PICUL IS A DISGRACE?"

## Important Talks In Japan

TOKYO, April 17 (Reuter).—An exchange of views took place this morning between Government leaders and representatives of the High Command regarding important questions.

The discussion was held at the regular joint conference between Government and the High Command.

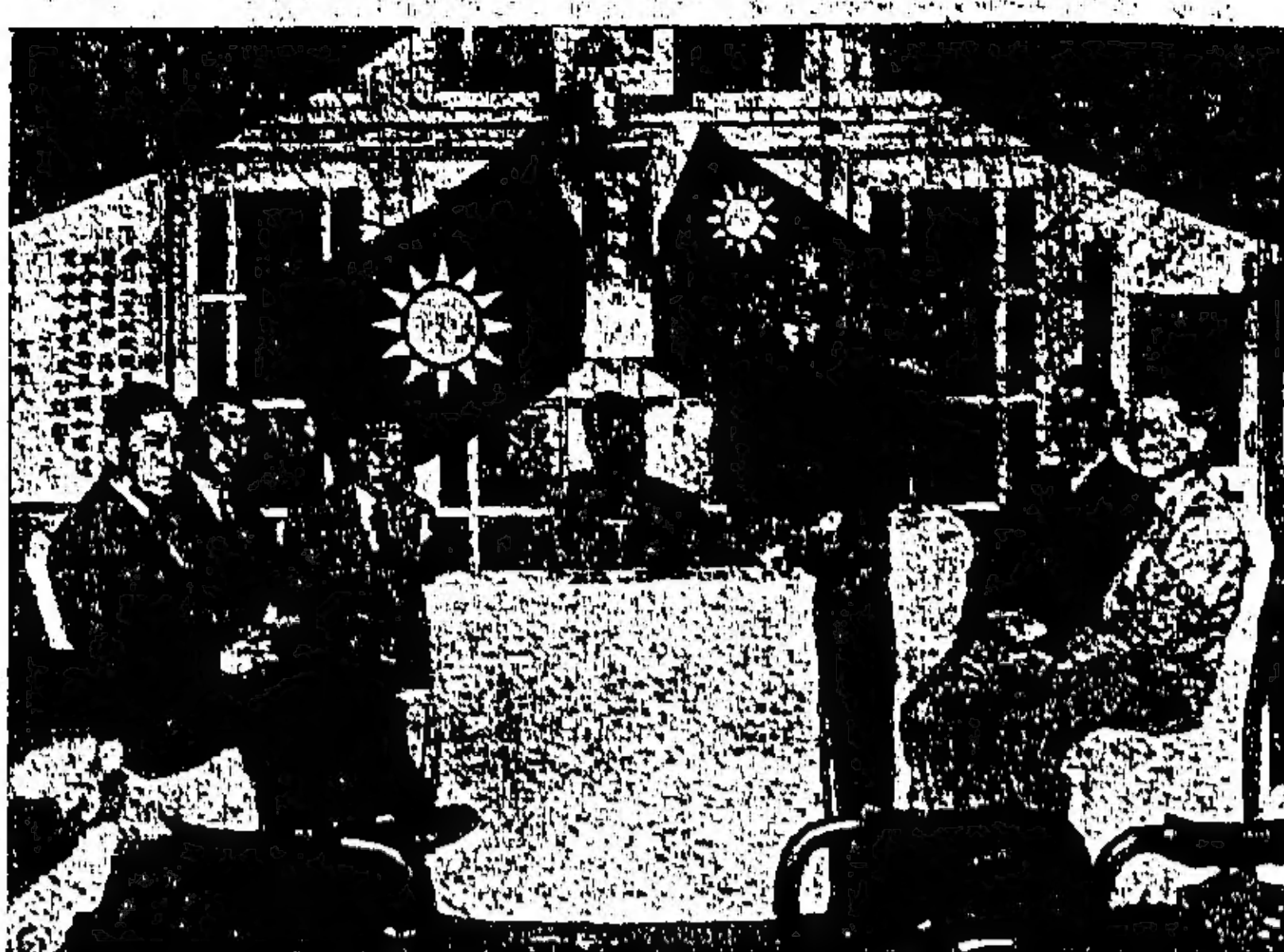
The Government was represented by Premier Konohe, Home Minister Baron Kichiro Hiranuma, War Minister Lt.-Gen. Hideki Tojo, Navy Minister Admiral Koshiro Oikawa, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Chuichi Onishi, while the High Command was represented by the chiefs of the General Staff of Army and the General Staff of the Navy.

## New Areas Of Japanese Naval Blockade

SHANGHAI, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—New areas off the southern coast of Kwangtung are added to the Japanese naval blockade in a proclamation by the Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese China Seas Fleet.

According to the communique, the new areas, in which passage of all ships will be prohibited, effective from midnight, April 19, include the waters enclosed by the line connecting the western extremity of Tai Oa Point, eastern end of Tahengkin Island, Saint John's Point, and the south-eastern end of the Tahengkin Island and the line running 113 deg. 30 mins. E. long. part of Tayawan which lies north of the line connecting Tapeng Chiao and Tokai Point and Kiatze Chiao, Shenchen and their surrounding waters north of the line connecting Tongmi Chiao and Breaker Point.

## INAUGURAL CEREMONY



Mr. O. K. Yui, former Mayor of Greater Shanghai, speaking at the formal inauguration of the Hongkong and Kowloon Chinese Photographers' Association at the Man Yuen Restaurant, on the roof of the Sincere Company on Wednesday evening. (Sun Ying Ming Studio).

## BLACK-OUT EXERCISES SUCCESS

SOME WARDENS' TORCHES UNDIMMED SATISFACTORILY

After several partially successful attempts to make Hongkong air raid-minded, the Director of Air Raid Precautions has, apparently, succeeded—if last night's black-out could be taken as an indication of what the public is prepared to do in future exercises. Shops began to put up their shutters about 6 p.m., and thick black curtains could be seen hung across the doorways of all cafes and big Chinese restaurants. Dark-coloured shades were used for the interior lights, as all eating houses were prepared to "carry on as usual" during the three hours of darkness.

This new determination not to make a black-out an occasion of closing-up shop and going to sleep was also manifested by a larger number of civilians than at former practices for a tour made by a Hongkong Daily Press reporter revealed considerably less "totally darkened premises than formerly. A constant service was maintained by the trams, buses, and ferries. Taxis, however, again did not run.

### PLAINLY SEEN

While the results obtained from the city levels could safely be considered excellent, many residents of the Upper Levels did not co-operate to as great an extent, as the light from some houses could be plainly seen.

As to the A.R.P. personnel, some of the wardens appeared to be still in need of instructions as to what constitutes an effective black-out both as regards lighting and torches. Many of the torches carried by the wardens, particularly in the West Point district, were far from being satisfactorily dimmed. Taking it on the whole the exercises were, to a layman's eye, highly successful.

### FREELY USED

The cinema crowds, emptying out of the theatres following the 7.20 p.m. performance, seemed to possess between them a good number of electric flash-lamps, and these were quite freely used.

Faulty sealing allowed glimpses of light from a good number of windows, but on the whole the black-out regulations were quite strictly adhered to.

Searchlights played about the harbour, but a view of the Island from Kowloon showed hardly anything resembling an illegal light.

About 9.30 p.m., Tsimshatsui especially and Kowloon in general was startled by four land explosions but it was generally agreed these must have come in connexion with the exercises.

## BITTER ITALIAN PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST FRANCE

LONDON, April 17 (Reuter).—Messages from Rome state that the Italian Press opened a bitter campaign against France.

Signor Mussolini's paper, POLO D'ITALIA says that the French people's hostile attitude to Germany and Italy is "completely unchanged"—and "in reality a 'spiritual alliance between Britain and France, still exists."

"Mr. Churchill's recent statement concerning the feelings and sympathies of the French nation were correct," the paper adds, "and for the first time Mr. Churchill has uttered the gospel truth."

## CHINA FULLY CAPABLE

CHUNGKING, April 17 (Reuter).—The Chinese papers this morning gave prominence to the report of an early announcement of United States aid to China and hailed the forthcoming announcement as United States reply to the Soviet-Japanese Neutrality Pact.

The official CENTRAL DAILY NEWS emphasises China's growing military strength, citing the Chinese army's successes during the past 3½ months.

The paper expresses confidence that China is fully capable of continuing the war resistance "until the Japanese army is driven out of Chinese territory."

## U.S. AND REPAIR OF BRITISH WARSHIPS

### To Be Given Priority

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—British warships brought to the United States for repairs are given priority over everything else in Navy yards, declared Col. Frank Knox, Secretary for Navy, to his press conference yesterday. This would inevitably affect the Navy's own shipbuilding programme but he hoped the two-ocean navy would not be delayed as a result.

Col. Knox said the British battleship Malaya, which recently arrived in New York, was only the first of a number of vessels expected to enter United States harbours for repairs.

While saying it would be highly improper to discuss the possibility of the U.S. Navy conveying forces to Greenland, Col. Knox hinted that the Navy had such plans in mind by declaring "Every well-run Navy tries to have plans for every contingency, and this is such a contingency."

JAPANESE CALL ON THAI PREMIER BANGKOK, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—It is officially announced the Japanese Minister called on the Thai Prime Minister and conversed on foreign affairs for over an hour.

Rear-Admiral Maeda, of the Japanese Navy, also visited the Thai Premier.



A group at the Free French Forces club in London. Jacques-Léon, the singer, is seen talking into the microphone held by Gibson Parker, European Productions Supervisor. Miss Vaughan, secretary and founder of the club, is seen on the left and behind her is William, the sailor, singer of romantic songs. This club, which is frequented by members of the Free French Forces who happen to be in London, is extremely comfortable and attractive. The walls are lined with photographs of French film stars, but a portrait of General de Gaulle occupies a place of honour on the wall behind the group.

## LONDON RAID WORST EVER EXPERIENCED

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Over a wide area of the West End, there was no gas or other heating and restaurants were selling only cold food and drinks.

Members of a rescue squad of this area were all killed when a bomb fell in front of the car in which they were speeding to a bombing incident.

One of the German bombers brought down descended in the region of a fashionable West End shopping centre in Kensington High Street. The second was brought to earth near the famous Wimbledon Tennis Courts.

### TERRIFIC INCIDENTS

Smoke begrimed and unshaven, I face the new day after I saw through a night of terrific incidents, writes Reuter's Staff correspondent.

Sheltering beneath a steel helmet, I watched the German Luftwaffe do its worst. German bombers came over in waves, shortly after dark and they continued their foul work throughout the long hours of the night. At least one of the attackers was shot down early in the raid and fire fighters, awaiting to pounce on incendiaries, cheered madly.

Early raiders dropped chandeliers type of flares and in their wake, searching for their prey, came more and more dropping bombers. The boom of big guns, popping staccato of pompoms and the bark of guns of other calibres, helped to render the night even more hideous.

### MYSTIC MAGNETISM

Time after time, I watched the scene as I saw the moon blotted out by a pall of smoke rising from burning buildings on which drawn as it by some mystic magnetism hoarders of firemen and rescue workers immediately descended. At one time the fires were burning all round me, but disregarding the bombs, firemen worked frenziedly—and with magnificent heroism.

A raider hit early in the blitz, fell into a garden. Flashes were seen around the machine and it suddenly blossomed into a blazing meteorite. Slowly it descended and from it four airmen bailed out. All landed in a nearby park and were quickly captured.

### WOMEN GRAND

As I toured the streets, I saw women helping their menfolk extinguish fires—they were grand. A large bomb demolished a number of houses in one district and again the women were wonderful. At 9.30 a.m., by the time the ordinary citizen had had his breakfast, however, a good measure of order had already been restored and only here and there in the metropolis did traffic have to be diverted from its accustomed route.

### DOWNED IN STRAITS

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Two enemy fighter-bombers were destroyed in the Straits of Dover this morning.

## FAST AMERICAN CARGO VESSELS FOR BRITAIN

NEW YORK, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—The Maritime Commission has requisitioned the liner Exemplar in what is regarded as the first step to utilise numerous fast American cargo vessels in the aid for Britain programme, states the New YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE.

Requisitioning of this ship is believed to indicate that a number of new fast vessels, built with the aid of the Maritime Commission, are to be transferred to Britain under the Lease and Lend Act.

The newspaper adds the steamer Robin Doncaster has recently been delivered and many other fast vessels now in Atlantic ports will be taken over within a few days to provide, it is thought, a fleet to take supplies to the Red Sea area.

## DARING 'SHAI' ROBBERY

SHANGHAI, April 17 (Reuter).—Four armed desperadoes on Tuesday morning staged a daring daylight robbery at the home of Mr. Davidson in the French Concession. Mr. Davidson, who is with Caldwell, Macgregor, was away from home at the time.

The robbers trussed up Mrs. Davidson and her cook with ropes before ransacking the place. They decamped with valuables consisting of silverware, curios and cash.

The invasion of Mr. Davidson's home is believed to be one of the most daring robberies in recent months in the French Concession, being perpetrated in broad daylight, visiting the house at about 10.45 a.m.

## NEW ERA

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evolve a satisfactory form of municipal government. The new Council also will have wide general taxing powers.

Members of the Council are: AMERICANS: N. F. Allman, R. T. McDonnell and Dr. R. J. McMullen;

BRITISH: J. H. Liddell, G. E. Mitchell and T. S. Powell;

JAPANESE: Y. Hanawa, I. Okamoto and Y. Yazima;

GERMAN: A. Glathard;

DUTCH: J. D. Carriere;

SWISS: R. von der Crone;

CHINESE: Jabin Hsu and T. C. Chang, both pro-Nanking, and L. T. Yuan and Yu Lin-shi, pro-Chungking.

### MOST AMICABLE

Although the meeting was one of the most momentous ever held in Shanghai, it was completed in less than an hour and passed off most amicably.

The Chairman's announcement of the resolution was carried and greeted with loud applause.

## SHANGHAI GAMBLERS ARRESTED

### MAGNETIC DICE USED IN GAME

Getting their cue from the effective use of magnetic mines in the current war in Europe, a batch of gambling operators in Shanghai were found to have displayed their ingenuity in cheating their unsuspecting customers by using a huge horse-shoe magnet and three dice loaded with metal in a game called "Tah Shiao," reports the Shanghai Times. The eight operators found themselves at the Central Station explaining to the detectives how their inventive genius had produced the marvellous contraptions and how "much" their "magnetic" ability had extracted from the pockets of their innocent victims.

The eight of them were arrested by the police recently on the pavement just in front of House 340, Avenue Edward VII, near Shantung Road. A rectangular piece of cloth bearing the signs and symbols used in the game of "Tah Shiao" about \$100 in various bank-note denominations, three dice and a saucer and cup holding the dice set were also seized.

### MOST FORTUNE

According to the police, the game of "Tah Shiao" is one of the most popular among the prohibited games indulged in by local Chinese. The customer places his bet either on a high or low number shown by the dice which the banker shakes in a cup and saucer. Any number above ten is high and any number below ten is low. It appears that if the customer "wins" he gets the dice.

## CONFUSED POLITICAL SITUATION IN RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Reports reaching Washington from Chungking announcing that Russia has notified China that her pact with Japan will not affect Soviet assistance for China have not surprised official Washington and have been received with satisfaction.

This picture of Russia, so to speak, running with the hare and hunting with the hounds, is seen as only typical of the confused political situation in which Russia finds herself today, though obviously it is no wit more confused than Japan's situation, for Tokyo shakes hands with Russian Communism on one hand and fights alleged Communism in China with the other.

It is felt in Washington that it is against this curious background that the sincerity of the Russo-Japanese Pact must be judged.

### OTHER ADVENTURES

Because of this, a number of observers feel that the Pact does not establish the security along the Manchukuo border which alone would permit Japan to withdraw any considerable body of troops either to reinforce the China Army or for use on other adventures elsewhere in Asia.

While the reasons for signing the Pact are still not apparent, it is generally taken for granted that it does not materially change the position in the Pacific or in East Asia and Mr. Hull's statement that the significance of the Pact can be over-estimated seems, to side up the situation.

Definitely the Pact has done Russia harm in her U.S. relations and there has been overnight a change of feeling in the State Department.

Symptomatic of this is the action concerning a reception at the Soviet Embassy on Sunday. Many officials of the State Department accepted invitations with official approval, but are not now attending.

It is reliably learned that the agreement between U. S. and China concerning assistance under the Lend-Lease Act, will be signed before the end of the week.

## SOUTH SEAS CHINESE CONFERENCE

CHUNGKING, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Details of the South Seas Chinese Conference recently held in Singapore, published in this morning's TAKUNGPAO which hailed the Chinese in the South Seas countries as "China's great wall overseas."

The daily particularly emphasised the conference the denunciation of the Nanking Government and the support of Chungking.

The manifesto adopted by the Conference points out that Russia must follow the policy of Britain and the United States "because Russia cannot hope to be free from the aggressors' menace once China is defeated."

## TANGANYIKA TAX

DARRESSALAAM, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—A measure to introduce excess profits tax in Tanganyika is to be introduced in the Legislative Council by the Governor, Sir Mark Young.

It is hoped that an agreement will be reached as to the provision for reliefs with such other dependencies as may decide to introduce a similar tax.

would bet on a high number all the banker would do was to pass the cup and saucer just above the magnet, placed under the table, so as to make the number, less than ten.

Discovery of the fraud was made by one of the victims, who in turn tipped detectives at Central Station. It is understood that the gang had been able to make considerable gains during the past few days in view of the heavy patronage of the game.

Questioned by the police, the "inventor" revealed that he got his idea from the present naval warfare in Europe. "If magnets are used to draw and sink large vessels in the ocean, why could I not use them to manipulate such small objects as dice?" the "inventor" told the police.



## LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions

to sell by

## PUBLIC AUCTION

Friday, the 18th April, 1941.  
commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 35,  
Hankow Road, Kowloon.

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE  
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

comprising:—

Teakwood Drawing Room, Bed  
Room, Dining Room and Office  
Furniture, Tientsin Carpets &  
Rugs, Cutlery, Curios, Ornaments,  
Table Lamps & Fans, Gramophones  
& Records, E. P., Brass, Porcelain  
and Glass Ware, Cooking Utensils,  
etc., etc.

also

A FEW PIECES OF BLACKWOOD  
FURNITURE.

and

2 "Belgium" Carpets  
2 Enamelled Baths  
1 Perambulator  
1 "Underwood" Portable Typewriter  
1 Calculating Machine  
1 Gas Stove  
1 Radio-gram

On View from Thursday, the 17th  
April, 1941.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,  
AUCTIONEERS.

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## PUBLIC AUCTION

on  
Saturday, the 19th April, 1941.

commencing at 10.30 a.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 2, Con-  
naught Road, Central, 2nd Floor.

A Quantity of Electric Waffle  
Irons, Fans, Irons, Toasters,  
Heaters, Ovens, Burner Heads  
and Wicks, etc., etc.

also

2400 gross Shoe Laces  
2 dozen "Avon" Fountain Pens  
2 dozen "Avon" Fountain Pen  
and Pencil combination  
1 Bag Sulphate of Ammonia  
37 pieces Old Rubber Tyres  
1 Fairbank Platform Scale  
1 Case Celluloid Tooth Brush  
Cases

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LAMMERT BROS.,  
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TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS  
WEEKLY RETURN

In the Colony of Hongkong in-  
cluding the Island, Kowloon and  
New Territories during the week  
ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday,  
April 12, there were altogether 79  
traffic accidents as the result of  
which four persons were killed  
and 23 persons were injured.

Of the persons killed, three  
Chinese males and a Chinese  
female were knocked down and  
killed, two by buses, one by a  
motor car and the last one by an un-  
known vehicle, while crossing the  
cableway.

Of the accidents, 24 were col-  
lisions between vehicles, 13 were  
collisions between vehicles and  
pedestrians, 27 accidents were  
due to other causes.

## LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS

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## PUBLIC AUCTION

Tuesday, the 22nd April, 1941,  
commencing at 5.15 p.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 2, Con-  
naught Road, Central, 2nd Floor.

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE  
COLLECTION OF POSTAGE  
STAMPS.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,  
AUCTIONEERS.

CHUNGKING AIR  
RAID RELIEF  
CORPSPersonnel Reviewed  
By Minister

CHUNGKING, April 17 (Central).—A review of the Chungking Air  
Raid Corps took place yesterday  
morning. More than 4,500 mem-  
bers carrying all forms of air raid  
relief equipment participated.

Mr. Ku Cheng-kang, Minister of  
Social Welfare and concurrently  
Captain of the Corps, addressed  
the gathering.

It is learned that the Chungking  
Air Raid Defence Headquarters  
has invented a new device showing  
the movements of enemy planes as  
an additional air raid precaution  
in Chungking. The device is made  
of a wooden board, on which is  
drawn a map of the provinces of  
Szechwan, Shensi, Hupeh, Hunan  
and Kweichow with Chungking as  
center.

TINY AIRPLANES

The distance of every 50 kilo-  
meters is indicated with a red and  
green circle. Small tracks are  
run through these circles to which  
are affixed tiny airplanes that can  
freely move about. Thus by look-  
ing at the device the residents will  
know how far the enemy planes  
are from Chungking.

The device will be installed at  
all important approaches through-  
out the municipality of Chung-  
king.

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S. CHINA ACTIVITY

SHANGHAI, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—  
Japanese military and naval ac-  
tivities in South China have in-  
creased following the conclusion  
of the Soviet-Japanese neutrality  
pact, according to a report ap-  
pearing in the local leading Chi-  
nese newspaper.

The report says that the whole  
of the Japanese forces in South  
China are now being reorganised  
for the possible southward pen-  
etration and that more than 20  
Japanese submarines have ap-  
peared in South China waters and  
have extended activities to the  
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LONG-RANGE BOMBERS  
TO OPERATE SEVEN  
MILES ABOVE EARTH

SAN DIEGO, CAL.—Long-range bombers operating with little  
fear of attack seven miles above the earth may be expected to  
appear in the theatre of military combat "before this war is over,"  
according to a paper by D. W. Tomlinson, famed high-altitude  
flier, read before the Southern California section of the Society  
of Automotive Engineers here.

Tomlinson, vice-president in charge of engineering for  
Transcontinental and Western Air, Inc., and a commander in  
the U.S. Naval Reserves, said these bombers would easily outstrip  
pursuit planes in the rarified air of 30,000 to 40,000-foot levels  
and be virtually free to deliver sledgehammer blows in daylight  
raids.

Daylight operations at present  
normal levels of 15,000 to 20,000  
feet largely have failed in the pre-  
sent war because of "grave losses"  
inflicted by pursuits, Tomlinson  
said.

"We will probably hear in the  
near future of four-engine long-  
range day bombers with super-  
charged cabins operating between  
30,000 and 40,000 feet," said the  
flier, who pioneered the develop-  
ment of TWA's 4-engine, 33-passen-  
ger Stratoliners. "The adaptation  
of pressurized cabins to such air-  
craft is not too difficult. Only the  
portion of the fuselage containing  
the bombardier, flight crew and  
adjacent rest space for the re-  
minder of the crew need be pres-  
surized. This calls for pressurizing  
the nose of the airplane, which is  
relatively safe from effects of ma-  
chine gun fire. An air lock must  
be incorporated so that in emer-  
gency, gun crews may move out  
of the pressurized section to man  
their guns in the aft portion of  
the fuselage. Oxygen must be  
available at the gunners' battle  
stations.

"Bombing aircraft flying at these  
great altitudes, possess distinctive  
advantages. It is extremely diffi-  
cult to sight aircraft during per-  
fectly clear weather when flying  
above 30,000 feet. Interception at  
these levels will be very difficult,  
and having accomplished the in-  
terception, the pursuits will be  
virtually impotent unless they in-  
corporate pressurized provisions  
for the pilot, and pressurising of  
the cockpit of a fighter is a terri-  
fic problem which will handicap  
the performance of the pursuit  
plane to a much greater extent  
than does the pressurising of the  
large bomber. Being able to fly  
above 38 per cent. of all clouds  
will give the bomber crews the  
advantage of being able to navi-  
gate continuously by celestial ob-  
servations. This method of navi-  
gation from a steady platform  
giving unrestricted opportunity for  
taking sights, can be extremely  
accurate. The complete absence of  
turbulence and relative freedom  
from attack will also permit mak-  
ing a long and accurate bombing  
approach.

"Bombs dropped from these  
levels reach terminal velocity very  
quickly due to the low density of  
the atmosphere. Although ac-  
curacy will be affected at times  
because of high winds, this will be  
offset by the greater velocity reach-  
ed by the bomb in the upper  
levels.

CABIN BOMBERS

"Before this war is over, I pre-  
dict we will see a great deal of  
pressurized cabin bombers operat-  
ing over long distances at alti-  
tudes of 40,000 feet or even higher.  
This military development of  
stratosphere operation will pave  
the way for peacetime utilisation  
of such flying to link all nations,  
all peoples, closely together. The  
times now required for trans-  
oceanic flights should be cut in  
half and at the same time the  
factors of safety and comfort of  
air travel will be increased pro-  
portionately to the increase in  
speed."

Tomlinson, in his research flying  
which paved the way for the de-  
velopment of TWA's Stratoliner fleet,  
has flown more hours above 30,000  
feet than any other American  
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BATTLE OF  
THE  
UNIVERSECZECH INSTITUTE  
OPENED

Mr. Eden, Foreign Secretary,  
opened the Czechoslovak Institute  
in London in the presence of a  
distinguished company which in-  
cluded President Benes and mem-  
bers of his Government.

The King, who is patron of the  
British Council, by whom the in-  
stitute has been established, sent  
the following message to President  
Benes:—

"On the occasion of the opening  
of the Czechoslovak Institute, I  
send my congratulations and best  
wishes to you and your countrymen.  
The institute will form a happy  
link between our two peoples in the  
pursuit of those ideals of liberty  
and justice to which they are both  
so wholeheartedly attached."

Mr. Eden said that the Czech-  
oslovak people were heavy and soul  
with Britain in the struggle. They  
were fighting side by side with the  
forces of the British Empire and  
the Allies.

"This struggle," he went on, "is  
your struggle and ours, but it is  
much more than yours and ours.  
We are fighting a man whose ambi-  
tion is boundless, a man who seeks  
to dominate the world. Hitler's ap-  
petite grows with what it seizes  
upon."

## FUTURE OF CIVILIZATION

"Were he to succeed in the case  
of Europe, who can doubt that the  
Nazis would spread rapidly into  
Asia, Africa, and threaten the  
American Continent? So the struggle  
upon which our two countries  
are engaged is not merely a battle  
of Britain; it is not even merely  
a battle of Europe—it is a battle  
of the Universe, for upon its outcome  
the future of world civilization de-  
pends."

"We do not in this country un-  
derestimate the task that confronts us  
in 1941. This is for Hitler the cru-  
cial year, for now his power is at  
its zenith while ours is still grow-  
ing. Indeed in the coming months  
we shall have need of all our  
strength and all our courage, and  
we shall need all the help that free  
peoples everywhere can give us.  
There is no margin to spare."

"Yet our faith in final victory is  
unshaken, for we know that we  
must win through, and know that  
with victory will come freedom for  
peoples who have suffered so cruel-  
ly and so long. None of them has

greater right to such freedom than  
the people of Czechoslovakia. Re-  
cently they made a tragic sacrifice  
for peace in vain, and humanity is  
in their debt."

Mr. Eden said that Czechoslo-  
vakia retained its national identity,  
tradition, and love of liberty dur-  
ing 300 years of foreign rule, and  
in 1918 became a free nation once  
more. Now her land was in the  
clutches of a foreign tyrant again,  
but "this time you will not have to  
wait so long."

The institute would be a valuable  
centre for the Czechoslovak com-  
munity in Britain, but Mr. Eden  
said he hoped that it would be  
something more than that and that  
it would be the means by which  
British people might gain an ever-  
increasing knowledge and under-  
standing of the Czechoslovak peo-<



## American Engineering Feats: Many Carried Out In W. Hemisphere

Washington.—While Europe concentrated its engineering activities in 1940 on building of war machines, the Western Hemisphere forged ahead with many significant contributions to peace-time construction, a survey disclosed today.

America's most outstanding project according to the National Geographic Society, was the 160-mile, \$700,000,000 "superhighway" across the western two-thirds of Pennsylvania from Harrisburg almost to Pittsburgh.

Having no grade greater than three per cent, the four-lane express way is without stops, traffic lights, grade crossings, intersections and speed limit. The super-road goes through—instead of over—the Allegheny Mountains, barrier since colonial times to west-bound transportation.

Canada opened its first superhighway, "The Queen Elizabeth Way" in August. It furnishes quick access to Toronto from Fort Erie (across from Buffalo). The construction included several large bridges, underpasses and cloverleaf connections.

After five years construction time, the "Big Bend Highway" nearly 2,000 miles farther west in Canada, was opened in June. The road follows the north bend of the Columbia River, between Golden and Revelstoke. The Banff-Jasper Highway was put in use in July. It connects the Dominion's two largest national parks.

Iguazu Falls in South America, world famous cataract, was made accessible by highway from Buenos Aires with the completion in June of a 205-mile road from Posados.

Australia came through with a 450-mile, road between Alice Springs and Birdum the last link in a rail-highway-rail combination providing for the first time a modern transportation system across the Australian continent from Adelaide on the south to Darwin on the North.

"Since Darwin is the only city of consequence in northern Australia, as well as the nearest port to Singapore and eastern Asia, and a British naval base, the new highway also is of military importance," the Society pointed out. "Most of the region traversed is desert, but in the northern section torrential rains fall during four months of the year, and in the past have made the unimproved roadway impassable."

### CONFINED TO OLD WORLD

Railroad construction, for the most part, was confined to the Old World. Greece, Italy, Persia, Soviet Russia and Norway, all completed new sections of freight or passenger lines in 1940. Several railroads were extended in Manchuria and Southern China.

A number of dams, too, were put into use. The huge Canning Dam in Western Australia was completed in September. It is 218 feet high, has a crest length of 1,534 feet and a capacity of 20,000,000,000 gallons of water. The Hansen Dam, near Los Angeles went into use in August. The dam will control Los Angeles River waters. The Fresno Dam, completed in April, at the Milk River Project in Montana, can store more than 40,000,000,000 gallons of water for irrigation. It was built by the federal government.

Outstanding among the 1940 crop of bridges in the United States were: the Thomas Alva Edison Memorial Bridge over the Partisan River at Perth Amboy, N.J.; a mile-and-a-half long four-lane bridge across the Susquehanna at Havre de Grace, Md.; the Jamestown Bridge across the west passage of Narragansett Bay, and the Morgantown Bridge, over two miles long, across the Potomac 75 miles down river from Washington, D.C.

One of the most unusual bridges ever built went into use near Seattle across Lake Washington. It is more than a mile long and four lanes wide and is supported by 25 huge floating pontoons of concrete.

A high wind spelled doom for the Narrows Suspension Bridge at Tacoma, Washington, across an arm of Puget Sound. The Narrows Bridge was opened to traffic in July. Three additional bridges were built across the Mississippi River during 1940: at Greenville and Natchez, Miss., and at Baton Rouge, La.

Australia's second largest bridge was opened across the Brisbane River at Brisbane, Australia.

### UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS

The following is a list of telegrams awaiting claimants at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited):—Dr. Tchong, 32 Village Road, from Stockholm; Young Ban Sam, Luk Kwok Hotel, from Kobe; Mayes, c/o Gloucester Hotel, from Yokohama; Li Tai Chor, 545 Nathan Road, from Shanghai; Tang Kwong, c/o Kwok Kow San, 14 Fung Tai Terrace, from Shanghai; Lui Wing Kar's Mother, 22 Sai Wu Lane, from Shanghai; Chan Man Tsun, 8 Kimberley Road, from Shanghai; Cheng Tung Ching, c/o Luk Kwok Hotel, from Shanghai.

SHANGHAI, April 17 (Reuter).—Four Chinese government banks suspended business here this morning.

An official of one of the banks told Reuter: "We do not know whether the government banks will reopen for business in the near future."

The Shanghai dollar rate this morning dropped to 8.2/10.

## Finance and Commerce

### RUSSO-BELGIAN AGREEMENT

#### Wheat And Fats For Engineering Goods

LONDON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—An agreement, whereby Russia will supply Belgium in the next 12 months with very substantial quantities of wheat and fats had been reached in Moscow yesterday, Reuter learns in London.

This agreement was presumably reached with German approval and will go far towards meeting the food shortage in Belgium which is suffering more than any other western country.

The Russo-Belgian agreement is held in British authoritative circles as justifying the official view that the blockade must be applied to enemy occupied countries, firstly because the responsibility of feeding them is Germany's and, secondly, because British firmness evidently resulted in the Russo-Belgian agreement which deprives Germany of supplies which she would otherwise have had.

It is understood that Belgium, in return, will supply Russia with engineering products.

Canada's total wool production in 1940 amounted to 18,127,000 pounds as compared with 17,846,000 pounds in 1939.

### FINLAND'S TRADE-LINE IS NARROW, WINDING ARCTIC HIGHWAY

HELSINKI, March 13.—Gasoline is scarce in Finland today, but you wouldn't know it from the traffic that flows over the Arctic highway from Petsamo to Rovaniemi.

With the Baltic sea virtually an inland lake as a result of the British blockade, the narrow, winding ribbon of concrete connecting the Petsamo harbour of Linnahamari with the rail head at Rovaniemi has become Finland's lifeline.

Around the clock in the pale Arctic winter twilight, long columns of trucks—Finnish, German and Swedish—roll over the narrow road with its hundreds of curves and bridges and scores of sharp dips and rises.

Increased Traffic To meet the demands of the increased traffic, an army of men work to improve the road, but it still is far from good. Only hardy and experienced drivers can navigate its 350 miles and they are comparatively well paid, receiving the equivalent of \$20 for the round trip.

Although the highway, according to experts, has a capacity of 10,000 tons daily, there never has been more than 2,000 tons shipped in one day. German and Swedish shipments, which are about the same, are estimated to amount to 40 per cent of the total volume.

2,000 TONS A DAY The bottle-neck in shipments by this route is at the port of Linnahamari. A small village until two years ago, Linnahamari has only one modern dock long enough for two ships. There are no loading cranes or storehouses.

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what you're  
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### HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Thursday, April 17, 1941.

SALES		
China Lights Rts.	104	\$ 0.50
H.K. Lands	100	33.00
H.K. Tramways	200	16.10
Ropes	500	7.00
Canton Lts.	35	222.50
Star Ferries	100	51.75

The total value is \$23,034.50.  
\*Sale on Wednesday, the 16th inst.

### H.K. Stock Exchange

The market continues quiet, the volume of business done today being of very modest dimensions.

#### BUYERS

Bank of East Asia, \$70.  
Union Ins., \$425.  
Indo-China (Pref.), \$80.  
Wharves, \$85.  
China Lights (O), \$5.  
Entertainments, \$61.

#### SELLERS

Union Ins., \$430.  
H.K. Trams, \$15.  
Star Ferries, \$53.  
Watsons, \$92.

#### SALES

Providents, \$5.10.  
Lands, \$33.  
H.K. Trams, \$16.10.  
China Lights (O), \$5.  
China Lights Rts., 50 cts.  
Ropes, \$7.

ties and enjoined the magistrates, administrative commissioners and members of the mobilisation committees and Kuomintang branches in different hsin to guard against such offences.

### FOOD PRICES FIXED IN HUNAN

CHANGSHA, April 17 (Central).—General Hsueh Yoh, Chairman of the Hunan Provincial Government, summoned the civil and military officials of the districts of Changsha, Sianktan and Hengyang yesterday when he gave specific instructions regarding the stabilisation of commodity prices, and air raid defence.

General Hsueh sternly warned against manipulation of the prices of foodstuffs and other commodities.

### URGENT NEEDS

Finland's most urgent needs are rye and wheat for bread, fats, meat and raw materials for her textile industry. Finland's Minister of supplies told the United Press that there is only enough rye and wheat on hand to last until the end of May.

The Finnish cotton industry employs 30,000 workers, but because of a shortage of raw materials has been forced to work far below capacity. The industry has avoided wholesale dismissals by working two-day-a-week shifts.

## PRE-PAID ADVERTISEMENTS.

The following classes of advertisements are charged at the price given below:—

SITUATIONS VACANT. HOUSES AND APARTMENTS WANTED. HOUSES AND APARTMENTS TO BE LET. MISCELLANEOUS WANTS.

Announcements not exceeding 25 Words are inserted under this heading at a Pre-paid Rate of \$1.50 for THREE INSERTIONS. If Charges collected, \$2.00.

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Experienced Book-keeper Wants Students to form a class. Guarantee students to keep a whole set of books after completion of a course of 6 months. For Term and Particulars. Please Apply to:—Box No 482 c/o H.K.D.P.

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WE PAY HIGH PRICES for all gold and silver articles. Jade diamonds, jewels, watches, fountain pens. Apply Far East Diamond and Gold Refining Co. Room 621, China Building, 6th floor. (Store will open on Sundays and Holidays).

General Agent: Chan Che Kee No. 4, Lyndhurst Terrace. Tel. 28402.

### WE PAY HIGH PRICES

for all gold and silver articles, gold bars, diamonds and jewels. Apply China Gold Refining Co. Pedder Building, 2nd floor, Room 6.

WE OFFER HIGH PRICES for any amount of gold articles, diamonds, silver, jewels, etc. No holidays. Apply China Building, 7th floor. Tel. 30727. Eurasia Gold Refining Co.

### U.S. FLOUR FOR FRANCE

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Two French ships, provided with British navicerts, are leaving New York tomorrow for Marseilles with 13,500 tons of United States flour for unemployed France.

### HOTELS

FOR JADED APPEALITES!  
**REAL RUSSIAN FOOD**  
Tiffin \$1.20 • Dinner \$1.50  
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Shop space, with window, in best district, early next month. Reply giving line of business to box 200 H. K. D. P.

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Expert Ladies Tailor  
New Style Ready Made Dresses, Overcoats and Costumes  
FOR SALE.  
16, Wyndham Street. Tel. 23415

### ENGRAVERS

**FEI FEI & CO.**  
Photo Engravers  
13, Cochrane Street.  
Telephone No. 22224.

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GREATEST COLLECTION OF BARGAINS IN TOWN!  
LAMBERT'S AUCTION ROOM  
10, Wyndham Street.  
Tel. 23415

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Help Your Friend and His Hobby by giving  
**POSTAGE STAMPS**

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We can supply the goods of his and your want  
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No. 10 Wyndham Street.  
Established 1896  
HONG KONG

**WANT ADS ARE SURE!**

### HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 18 to 24 Apr. 1941.

HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
Days of Week	Time	Days of Week	Time
Fri. 18	h. m.	Fri. 18	h. m.
	03.34		06.44
Sat. 19	05.07	Sat. 19	07.37
	13.57		21.37
Sun. 20	06.23	Sun. 20	08.47
	16.17		22.54
Mon. 21	07.14	Mon. 21	09.47
	18.02		23.54
Tues. 22	07.48	Tues. 22	10.29
	18.08		19.47
Wed. 23	08.14	Wed. 23	11.17
	20.04		13.37
Thu. 24	08.37	Thu. 24	12.50
	20.57		14.2



## FOREIGN MARKETS &amp; QUOTATIONS

## MONEY AND EXCHANGE

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS

APRIL 17, 1941.

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 450	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 53 3/4	
On Japan:—	
On demand 102 1/2	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 82 5/8	
On demand 82 5/8	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 54 1/4	
Credits 60 days sight 25	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 45 1/2	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 105	
On Manila:—	
On demand 48 1/2	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 149 1/2	
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate ... Nom.	
Bar Silver per oz. 23 1/2	

## Market Report

## FROM ROZA BROS.

Thursday, Apr. 17.  
Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23 1/2 for both Ready and Forward. Silver: advices reported the market as being idle and featureless. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.  
The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 401-3/4.

## MARKET

## STERLING

No business was reported. There were sellers at 1/3 up to June, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

## U. S. DOLLARS

Opened nominal with sellers at 24 7/16 with business done at 24 1/2 for Cash and Forward. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 24 7/16 for near and forward, buyers at 24 1/2 for Cash.

## SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened nominal with sellers at 465 with business done later at 466 1/4, 466 and 465 3/4. The market closed with sellers at 466, buyers probably at 466 1/4.

## SHANGHAI MARKET

Erratic. Opened with sellers of Sterling at 3 3/16. The highest rate reported was 3 7/32. The market closed with sellers at 3 1/16. The highest rate reported was 5 1/4. The market closed with sellers at 5 7/32 for Spot.

## AFTERNOON MARKET

## STERLING

No business was reported. The market closed with sellers at 1/3 up to June, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

## U. S. DOLLARS

The market closed with sellers at 24 7/16 for near and forward, buyers at 24 1/2 for Cash.

## SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Business was done at 466. The market closed with sellers at 467 3/4, buyers at 466 1/4.

## SHANGHAI MARKET

Closed with sellers of Sterling at 3 1/3 1/4 and U. S. Dollars at 5 7/32 for Spot.

## Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Apr. 17 (Reuter).	
Official T.T. Rates	
Opening	
London 0/3-7/32	0/3-13/64
New York 5-3/16	
Japan 22	
India 17-5/8	
Paris nominal	
Hongkong 21-1/8	
Sterling	
Opening	
Spot 0/3-7/32	0/3-13/64
Apr. 0/3-7/32	0/3-13/64
May 0/3-7/32	0/3-13/64
U.S. Dollars	
Spot 55-1/4	55-7/32
Apr. 5-1/4	5-7/32
May 5-1/4	5-7/32
Market:—Quiet.	

## Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Apr. 16 (Reuter).  
T.T. on Japan, 81-1/2

## India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Apr. 16 (Reuter).  
Govt. 3 1/2 Rupee, 95-12-0.

## NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, April, 18 1941.

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, May	11.35	11.25	11.31	.01 off
New York Rubber, May	23.30	23.25	23.28b	.03 off
Chicago Wheat, May	92	90 1/2	91 1/2	1 off
Chicago Corn, May	68 1/2	67 1/2	68 1/2	1 up
New York Hides, June	13.85	13.73	13.75b	.10 up

## NEW YORK COTTON

	Close	Change
May	11.31/32	11.30/30
July	11.27/27	11.26/27
October	11.20/21	11.20/21
December	11.20/20	11.20 N
January	11.18 N	11.18 N
March	11.20/20	11.20/21
Spot	11.55	11.50

Total sales Tuesday:—96,000 bales.

## NEW YORK RUBBER

	May	July	September	December
May	23.28b/32a	23.25/25		
July (New contract)	22.15/15	22.07/12		
September	21.78b/80a	21.72/75		
December	21.35/35	21.35b/40a		

Total sales for the day:—460 tons.

## CHICAGO WHEAT

	May	July	September
May	91 1/2/91 1/2	91 1/2/91 1/2	
July	90 1/2/90 1/2	90 1/2/90 1/2	
September	91 1/2/91 1/2	91 1/2/91 1/2	

Tuesday's sales:—15,422,000 bushels.

## CHICAGO CORN

	May	July	September
May	68 1/2/68 1/2	68 1/2/68 1/2	
July	68 1/2/68 1/2	68 1/2/68 1/2	
September	69 1/2/69 1/2	69 1/2/69 1/2	

## NEW YORK HIDES

	June	September
June	13.75b/80a	13.85b/90a
September	13.82b/85a	13.95b/99a

Total sales for the day:—71 contracts.

## NEW YORK COCOA

	May
May	6.98/98

## NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3

	May	July
May	2.38b/39a	2.38b/37a
July	2.39b/40a	2.37b/38a

Volume of business done:—255 lots.

## NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4

	May	July
May	7.54b/76a	7.5b/75 1/2a
July	8.0b/80 1/2a	7.9b/80a

Volume of business done:—363 lots.

## NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES

	July
July	11.40b/45a

## NEW YORK COTTONSEED OIL

	July
July	8.89/89
N.Y. Official Silver	34-3/4
N.Y.-London Cross Rate	4.01-3/4

## LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Apr. 16.

The following quotations are the

middle prices at the close of the

market in London. All quotations

are subject to confirmation and no

responsibility is assumed for errors

in transmission.

2

War Loan, 3 1/2 (Red, after 1932)

103-11/16

Defence Loan, 3 1/2

101 1/2

Santon-Kloun Rly, 5 1/2

11

Chinese 4 1/2 Gold Loan

1898 (Brit. Issue)

42

Chinese 5 1/2 Gold Bonds

1925/41

40-44

Chin. 4 1/2 Anglo-French

Loan, 1908

45

Chinese 5 1/2 Crisp Loan

1912

24

Chinese 5 1/2 Reorg. Loan

1913 (Ldn. Is.)

31

Chinese 8 1/2 Ster. Notes

1925 (Vickers)

8-10

Chin. Imperial Rly, 5 1/2

Loan

47

Hanan Rly, 5 1/2

14

Sukwang Rly, 5 1/2, 1911

(L.P. N.Y. Issue)

14

Sukwang Rly, 5 1/2, 1911

(German Issue)

12

Lung Tsing &amp; U. Hai

Rly, 6 1/2 1913

12

Shai-N'King Rly, 5 1/2

(Brit. Stpd.)

12

Tientsin-Pukow Rly, 5 1/2

(German Stpd.)

12

Tientsin-Pukow Rly, 5 1/2

(Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)

12

Tientsin-Pukow Rly, 5 1/2

(Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)

12

Jap. 6 1/2 Ster. Loan, 1924

6

Ger. 7 1/2 Intl. Loan, 1924

8

Chartered Bank (Ldn)

H.K. &amp; Shai Bank (Ldn)

Reg.)

75

H.K. &amp; Shai Bank (Col)

Reg.)

78 1/2

Chinese Eng. &amp; Mining

(bearer)

15/-

Chosen Corporation

4/-

Mercantile Bank of In-

dia, 2 1/2, "G"

10 1/2

Pekin Syndicate

1/8

Shai Elec. Const. Co.

10/-

Shai Waterworks "A"

11 1/2

Union Insurance

23

Cula Kalumpung Rubber

15/-

Ldn, Mid. &amp; Scot. Rly

11 1/2

## RESERVE BANK OF INDIA STATEMENT

Calcutta, Apr. 18 (Reuter).

Apr. 4 Apr. 11

	Notes in circulation (including Notes held in the Banking Department)	27,487	27,951
Rupee Coin Bullion			
In India		3,534	3,497
Gold Coin and Bullion in India		4,441	4,441
Securities (Indian Government)		9,035	9,035
Securities (British Government)		10,476	10,976

(Figures in Lakhs Rupees)

## SILVER MARKET

## LONDON SILVER

London, Apr. 18 (Reuter).

Silver—Little industrial demand

met by Indian Government. In

the afternoon, the market was idle

and featureless, with no business.

Spot, 23-1/2d.

Forward, 23-1/2d.

## BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Apr. 16 (Reuter).

Market—Steady. Offtake 50 bars.

Indian Mint Silver

Ready

63-05

April 22 Settlement

63-07

May 21 Settlement

63-09

## LONDON GOLD

London, Apr. 16 (Reuter).

Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 168/-

Coal production in Canada during

December, 1940, amounted to

1,643,092 tons compared with

1,435,826 tons in December, 1939.

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

## QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

APRIL 17, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Adams Express	51 1/2	Kennecott Copper	32 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	19	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	32 1/2
Allis Chalmers	27 1/2	Lockheed Aircraft	20 1/2
Amer. Can.	85 1/2	Loew's Inc.	30 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	38	Martin, Glen L.	26 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Pwr.	1	Montgomery Ward	33 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	11 1/2	National Aviation	8
Amer. Metals Co.	16 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	12 1/2
Amer. Radiator	8 1/2	National Distillers	20 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	13 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	6 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	15 1/2	National Supply Corp.	4 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	158 1/2	New York Central	12 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	4 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	2 1/2
Anaconda Copper	23 1/2	N. American Aviation	13 1/2
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	23 1/2	Northern Pacific	6
Aviation Corp.	3	Packard Motors	2 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	13 1/2	Paramount Pictures	11 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	3 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	23 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	8 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	38 1/2
Bendix Aviation	1	Pullman Inc.	28 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	72	Pure Oil	8 1/2
Bliss & Co.	14 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	4
Borg-Warner	16 1/2	Reading Company, Com	14
Briggs Mfg.	19 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	4 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	3 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	3 1/2
Canadian Pacific R'way	3 1/2	Republic Steel	16
Celanese	20 1/2	Reynold Tobacco "B"	31 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	38 1/2	Schenley Distillers	8 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	59 1/2	Shell Union Oil	13
Columbia Gas & Elec.	3	Socom-Vacuum Oil	8 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	26 1/2	Southern Pacific	10 1/2
Consolidated Edison	20	Southern Ry \$5 pfd.	22 1/2
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co	31
Copperweld Steel	14 1/2	Standard Brands	5 1/2
Curtis Wright (C.)	8	Stand Gas & Elec.	1
Douglas Aircraft	66 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	35 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	142	Studebaker, Com.	5 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	7 1/2	Swift International	



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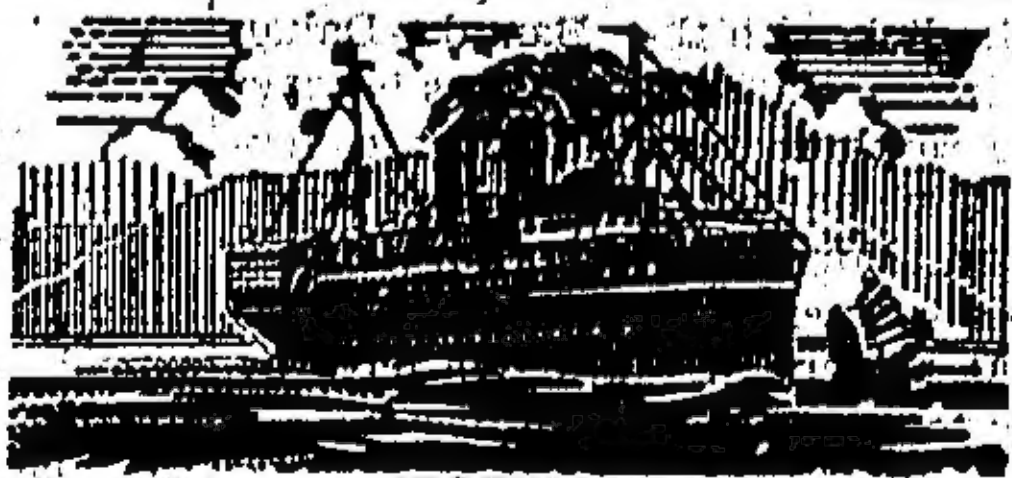
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## THE ISLAND OF GUAM AMERICA'S PACIFIC OUTPOST CAN BE MADE INVINCIBLE

BY CAPT. FREDERICK L. O'IVER

NEW YORK.—Guam has been United States territory for 42 years, during which period of time practically no attempt has been made to capitalise on its military possibilities.

Had Guam been developed as a naval base, it, together with Panama, Hawaii, and Alaska, would give the United States an almost impregnable advanced line thrown far out into the Pacific. Such a line would have made possible an entirely different plan of naval strategy in the Pacific, and incidentally have made a considerable difference in the huge outlay of money now being poured into the present effort to bolster the Nation's defences.

In 1938, the report of a Navy Board appointed to inquire into naval needs stated that a strong advanced base at Guam would assure:

"1. Practical immunity of the Philippines against hostile attack in force.

"2. The most favourable conditions that could be brought about for the prosecution of naval operations in the Western Pacific, arising from whatever necessity. It would reduce to its simplest possible terms the defence of Hawaii and the continental coast of the United States.

"3. The ability of the fleet to operate with greater freedom in meeting emergency conditions that might arise in the Atlantic."

Over a long period of years, the Navy has vainly endeavored to obtain Congressional authority to equip Guam as a naval base. Prior to the World War, Congress was consistently apathetic to the Navy's plea for funds. Shortly after the end of that war, a joint Army and Navy Board recommended that a first-class naval base be established at Guam, but no heed was given to the opinion of the Board, and in 1922 the confirmation of the Washington Treaty brought into effect provisions that precluded any military improvements being made at Guam.

Subsequent to Japan's denunciation of this Treaty in 1936, the appeasers in Congress have prevented any action being taken; they have not even been willing to provide funds for making the principal harbour a safe anchorage under all conditions of weather.

Guam was discovered in 1521 by Fernando Magellan during the course of the first voyage around the world. In 1665 it was taken under the Spanish flag, and became a regular port of call for their galleons plying between Manila and Acapulco. It also was frequented by privateers, pirates, and whalers which called for water and provisions.

Over 200 years of misrule under incompetent Spanish governors terminated in June, 1893, when the island was captured by the U.S.S. Charleston which was en route to Manila with a troop convoy. No news of the hostilities had reached Guam, and the island was without any means of defence. It is related that the Spanish Governor, believing the shots fired by the Charleston at what proved to be an obsolete fort to be a salute, sent an officer to explain that much to his regret no powder was available for firing a return salute!

Guam is an island of volcanic and coral formation, about 30 miles long and approximately 9 miles in greatest width, the axis lying in a generally north and south direction. The northern part is a plateau, 200 to 500 feet

in height. The southern part is hilly, with a maximum elevation of some 1,400 feet.

There are several small rivers and the soil is fertile. Impenetrable jungles cover a large portion of the island, but where clearings exist corn, sugar-cane, rice, vegetables and tropical fruits are produced in abundance. Coconut trees, breadfruit and bananas grow wild.

Guam produces a variety of beautiful hard woods. The sea fishing is excellent, and there are no objectionable animals or dangerous reptiles.

The natives of Guam are known as Chamorros. Whence they came is lost in the dim past. They had no written language and their folklore, when the Spaniards arrived, was the usual collection of fantastic tales, similar to those to which primitive people everywhere are addicted.

They are a gentle, well-disposed race, but unless aroused by a consuming ambition, they are inclined to be indolent. Under the Spanish, they made little progress, but the benevolent despotism set over them by the United States has worked to their benefit, and they are intensely loyal to the United States.

In 1900, the native population was estimated to be 9,000. In 1939, it had grown to 21,193. With an excellent school system and compulsory attendance, literacy is on the way out and English is widely spoken. That the Chamorros make excellent seamen can be attested by the writer, who once commanded a ship manned by them.

Since 1899, Guam has been ruled by Governors who have invariably been naval officers. "Ruled" is used advisedly, because under the

## 81 CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS

Eighty-one cases of tuberculosis were reported to the Health authorities during the 24 hours ended midnight on April 18.

Other cases reported were Cerebro-spinal fever, one case; Cholera, seven; Diphtheria, six cases; Dysentery, 14 cases; Enteric fever, three cases; and Measles, four cases.

## JUNK EXPLOSION

A large junk, carrying a cargo of kerosene, while sailing in Joss House Bay caught fire as a result of an explosion on board at 11.30 p.m. on Wednesday, and was still smouldering early yesterday morning.

No. 1 fire boat arrived on the scene and had the conflagration under control shortly after midnight.

## MASTER FINED

Robert Arthur Prichard, master of a British vessel, was fined a sum of \$30 yesterday when he appeared before the Marine Magistrate on a charge that he had on April 7 at 2.45 p.m. disobeyed an order issued by the Harbour Master, allowing his ship to proceed inside the marking buoy and the south shore of Lamma Island.

VICHY, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Most of the 15,000 inhabitants of Collinax are believed to be either dead or injured in the earthquake that rocked Mexico yesterday, states a despatch from Mexico City.

Three-quarters of the town is reported destroyed.

modified Spanish code still in effect in Guam, the Governor is the supreme authority in all executive, judicial, and legislative matters. He can enact laws by proclamation, execute them as he sees fit, and can amend or suspend court decisions.

Neither the Constitution nor the general laws of the United States apply to Guam. The Chamorros are not citizens, but the prohibition against the yellow race does not apply to them and, under certain conditions, such as the completion of an enlistment in the Navy, they can become naturalised citizens.—(Japan Chronicle)

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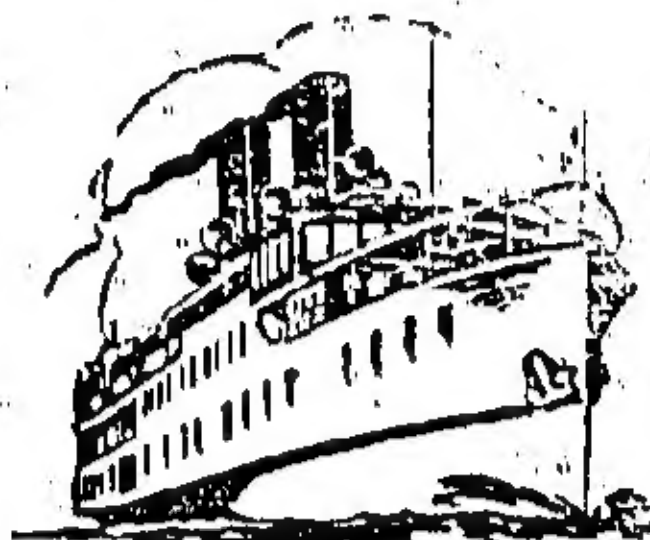
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# AMERICAN TENNIS RANKINGS

## McNeill Climbs To Top And Alice Marble Stays There

Donald McNeill of Oklahoma City climbed to the top and Miss Alice Marble of California remained there, albeit for the last time, in the national tennis singles rankings announced by the U. S. L. T. A.

For Miss Marble, her accustomed place as No. 1 woman player comes as a farewell gesture from amateur tennis, because fair-haired Alice is now sharpening her weapons for the professional wars after four victories in the national tournament. For the 22-year-old men's champion the No. 1 spot is a promotion, for he had to hurdle Bobby Riggs of Chicago and Frank Parker of California to rise from third place.

There was considerable shuffling of positions from a year ago among the first ten, in both the men's and women's divisions, more so in the men's than in the women's. One of the biggest falls of all is that of the young Los Angeles hopeful, S. Welby Van Horn, whose sensational play in 1939 gave him No. 4 ranking, only to be followed by disappointments last season that left him no better than fifteenth.

Parker, another Californian, also indulged in a nose dive, although not so violent a one as Van Horn. He merely dropped from No. 2 to No. 5, while Riggs, the champion, and No. 1 in 1939, was relegated to the second spot.

There is no change at all as far as the first two places in women's singles are concerned, for Miss Helen Jacobs again is just a step behind Miss Marble. These two met in the final in the national and Miss Marble won easily, just as she had in her earlier tests.

The campaign among the women saw the rise of still another Californian, Miss Pauline Betz, who vaulted from No. 8 to No. 3, a position held last year by Mrs. Sarah Palfrey Cooke, who tumbled to No. 6.

### KRAMER GAINS ELEVEN PLACES

One of the best advances among the men was made by 19-year-old Jack Kramer. This East Los Angeles youth was ranked seventeenth a year ago, somewhat unjustly in the eyes of some critics, but he turned out to be one of the sensations of the season, fulfilling the promise he had shown as national boys' champion, to enter the select group of ten at No. 6.

Frank Kovacs 2d of Oakland, Calif., re-entered the chosen circle after a year's absence because of insufficient data, ranking their behind McNeill and Riggs.

Dropping out of the first ten and, indeed, out of the tennis picture, was Wayne Sabin, No. 5 in 1939. Sabin got into difficulties with the U.S.L.T.A. over the eight-week rule last February. Bryan Grant, formerly No. 7, dropped to No. 11 and Gilbert Hunt, erstwhile No. 9, fell to No. 12.

Joe Hunt, who, like Kovacs, was not ranked a year ago, replaced Van Horn at No. 4, and Fred Schroeder of Glendale, Calif., became the fourth new player, to break into the first ten, being ranked tenth.

Among the women players, eight of those who were among the first ten previously remained there, although not all in their former positions. Miss Betz and Miss Dorothy May Bundy climbed to No. 3 and 4, respectively, from eighth and sixth, and Mrs. Gracyn Wheeler Kelleher rose to No. 5 after being unranked in 1939 because of insufficient data.

Miss Helen Bernhard of New York dropped from fourth to eighth, and Miss Virginia Wolfenden from fifth to seventh. The Misses Dorothy Workman and Katherine Winthrop, Nos. 7 and 9 in 1939, were not listed, the latter because of insufficient data.

In men's doubles the youthful pair of Kramer and Schroeder, the national champion, replaced McNeill and Parker in the No. 1 rating. The 1939 leaders were placed second.

### THE RANKINGS

#### Men's Singles

- 1.—Donald McNeill, Oklahoma City.
- 2.—Robert L. Riggs, Chicago.
- 3.—Francis L. Kovacs 2d, Oakland, Calif.
- 4.—Joseph R. Hunt, Annapolis, Md.
- 5.—Frank A. Parker, Altadena, Calif.
- 6.—John A. Kramer, East Los Angeles, Calif.

- 7.—Gardner Mulloy, Coral Gables, Fla.
- 8.—Henry J. Prusoff, Seattle, Wash.
- 9.—Elwood T. Cooke, Portland, Ore.
- 10.—Frederick R. Schroeder Jr., Glendale, Calif.

#### Men's Doubles

- 1.—John A. Kramer and Frederick R. Schroeder, Jr.
- 2.—Donald McNeill and Frank A. Parker.
- 3.—Gardner Mulloy and Henry J. Prusoff.
- 4.—Robert Harman and Charles Mattmann.
- 5.—Russell Bobbitt and Frank D. Guernsey, Jr.
- 6.—Robert L. Riggs and S. Welby Van Horn.
- 7.—Wilmer Allison and John Van Ryn.
- 8.—Edward Amark and Francis L. Kovacs 2d.
- 9.—Kenneth Bartelt and William Ready.
- 10.—Laurence Dee and James Wade.

Not ranked because of insufficient data—Elwood T. Cooke and Robert L. Riggs, Robert Harman and Robert C. Peacock, Joseph R. Hunt and Charles E. Olewine.

#### Women's Singles

- 1.—Miss Alice Marble, Beverly Hills, Calif.
- 2.—Miss Helen Hull Jacobs, Berkeley, Calif.
- 3.—Miss Dorothy May Bundy, Santa Monica, Calif.
- 4.—
- 5.—Mrs. Gracyn Wheeler Kelleher, Santa Monica, Calif.
- 6.—Mrs. Sarah Palfrey Cooke, Brookline, Mass.
- 7.—Miss Virginia Wolfenden, San Francisco.
- 8.—Miss Helen I. Bernhard, New York.
- 9.—Miss Mary Arnold, Los Angeles.
- 10.—Miss Hope Knowles, Philadelphia.

## ALICE MARBLE IN BIG MONEY

London.—On January 6 England lost one of its best girl players and America its most dominant personality since Helen Wills, when Mary Hardwick and Alice Marble made their professional tennis debuts at Madison Square Garden, New York.

In this country professional tennis as a spectacle has hardly been born, but it may enjoy a boom after the war.

In the U.S. professional tennis has become a big winter indoor sport, Alice Marble will provide a leading woman professional player—the first since Suzanne Lenglen; she plays as nearly like a man as is possible for a girl, with hard-hitting services, speedy drives to the corners, and surprising mobility on the court.

### MORE THAN \$50,000

It is estimated that in her 4 1/3 months' tour she will earn more than \$50,000. She has a guarantee of \$25,000 and in addition is one percentage of gate receipts.

Ten per cent of Miss Marble's earnings will go to Miss Eleanor Tennant, her teacher, and constant companion of recent years. Miss Tennant in turn puts half her earnings as teacher back into amateur tennis—sending her most promising pupils to tournaments for experience, paying their expenses and buying them equipment.

Miss Hardwick frankly admits she has turned professional for money; she says she now has a chance to repay her family for their efforts to make a lawn tennis career possible for her. She is also giving a percentage of the earnings to the British War Relief Fund.

# TUNE IN ON FOREIGN RADIO STATIONS IN THIS WAY

Tuning in with radio stations abroad can be a thrilling experience to anyone who knows how to do it properly. For the benefit of local radio enthusiasts, a number of points have been outlined which must be observed in order to get and enjoy distant receptions.

### FIRST THING

The first thing to do is to have an all-wave radio set as the majority of distant stations operate and can only be heard on short wave. One must make sure that the set is in good condition and have the tubes tested. A good antenna is of major importance in short wave reception.

It is suggested that tuning be done carefully and slowly, since rapid turning of the controls of the radio results in the passing of the desired station, which otherwise may be heard clearly.

One must not expect to hear a certain station anytime as conditions of reception vary with the time of the day, season, weather and other natural factors. Consulting of newspapers and magazines for short wave station lists helps a great deal.

### SAME THING

It has been observed that confusion sometimes has been caused by radio terms as meters, kilocycles, megacycles. Actually they are three different ways of expressing the same thing.

These terms are units of measurement and when the radio wave is expressed in meters, kilocycles and megacycles, it is like expressing length in feet, yards or miles.

For example, if a station operates on 780 kilocycles, two other ways of saying it are 385 meters and .78 megacycles. One megacycle is equivalent to 1,000 kilocycles, and knowledge of this is of great importance in dialing for short wave stations because as the wavelength in meters decreases the frequency in kilocycles increases. A wavelength of 10 meters corresponds to 30,000 kilocycles or 30 megacycles.

## N.E.I.'S SPITFIRE EFFORT

The amalgamation of the Prince Bernhard and Spitfire Funds has been welcomed throughout Batavia. Among the latest contributions are 15,000 guilders each from the N.I. Commercial Bank and the N. I. Agricultural Society, and postal orders are coming from all sources in great numbers.

The new building in which the combined funds have established their quarters has been officially opened. Mrs. Tjarda van Starckenborgh Stachouwer, the Governor General's wife, cut the ribbon closing the entrance, after two British and two Netherlands flags had been hoisted with due ceremony.

The decorations in the building are of a type expressing the unity between Britain and Holland. Nearly everyone in Batavia contributed to the centre. The members of the Committee are privately paying the rent of the building.

### OFFICE FITTINGS

Furniture and office fittings were a gift from various business concerns. The Gas Company is offering free electric light. The Telephone Company is giving a telephone service free of charge. A Chinese firm has given a delivery van.

During the opening ceremony a speech was made by Mr. Hoekstra, one of the organisers of the Spitfire Fund. He said that there were 30,000 regular contributors, representing a monthly sum of 40,000 guilders. He also announced that the money for the first bomber would be sent that day, and most probably that for the second one on Monday next.

Rotterdam I and II are complete. "Do you realise what that means?" said Mr. Hoekstra. "Two bombers within a week's time!"

The registration of women under the Civilian Service Act has been completed. Many thousands of women, both European and Asiatic, hooked to the registration stations, where the work was done by women volunteers.

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# FRANCE'S PUBLIC STOP PRESS PROJECTS

Despite present hardships, France is determined to carry on the many public works projects which were started in Africa before the war broke out, and also to undertake new ones, it was stressed here today.

She will do this despite the difficulties in establishing communications between the metropolis and French possessions abroad and in carrying on trade.

The most important of these projects is the construction of a trans-Saharan railway, which is on the eve of being completed.

This railway will be one of the longest in the world, and will link the rich French colonies in West Africa and the Niger valley to French North Africa and the Mediterranean.

### ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE

It will be of strategic economic importance and will allow the development of some areas in the Sahara desert.

The railway follows the motor highway through which regular communications have been established between Algiers and Timbuctu for the past few years, and join the railway from Algiers and at present stopping at Colomb Bechar.

In the south the new railroad will link with the Bamako-Dakar railway. Dakar would thus become the southern terminus of the new line, which will also shorten communications between Europe and South America.

At present, it takes five days by car to cross the Sahara desert.

MEXICO CITY, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—Certain war materials have been found on board some of the Italian ships in Mexican harbours which have been taken over by the Mexican Government. This was disclosed yesterday by the officer in charge of Mexican units now controlling the vessels. Exact nature of the materials was not disclosed.

NEW YORK, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—With his salary dropping from \$48,000 a year to \$21 a month, Mr. W. M. Martin, Jr., President of the New York Stock Exchange for the last three years, yesterday became a private in the United States Army. Martin expressed the opinion that the United States would enter the war.

NEW YORK, Apr. 17 (Reuter).—An order freezing steel prices at the level that prevailed in the first quarter has been issued by Mr. Leon Anderson, American Price Administrator.

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